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Liaqat Ali Khan Denies Secret Agreement

ANNUAL REJECTION OF FINANCE BILL THREATENS TO BECOME TIME-HONOURED TRADITION, FEARS RAISMAN

NEW DELHI, March 26 (A.P.I.)

The Central Assembly today threw out the Finance Bill by 58 votes to 50 after a seven-day debate.

Messrs. A. M. Dam, N. M. Joshi and Kailash Bihari Lal remained neutral.

It is expected that the bill will be placed before the House tomorrow in the recommendedform.

During the cource of the debate, Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan characterised "the secret agreement" alleged to have been arrived at between himself and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai as "pure fabrication".

Declare India Free

Giving his impression of what a genuine representative of India should do at the San Francisco Conference, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai said: "He should first demand that he will not remain there unless and until India was recognised and declared by Britain of her own free will as an independent country."

Parting Defence

Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, in what may be probably his last defence of the Govt. of India, said that the voting down of the Finance Bill would shortly become a time-honoured institution as some of the most ancient customs of Parliament.

WAVELL'S VISIT WILL EASE IMPASSE

Sir Henry Richardson, Leader of the European Group, opening the debate on the last day of the general discussion on the Finance Bill to-day referred to the Viceroy's visit to England and said: "I have no knowledge of the intentions underlying this visit other than those announced in the Press, but coming as it does at this juncture, the even cannot but help to react on the mind of political India and to stir the hopes which we all have that something may now be achieved to secure the end of the present political impasse.

"The weakness in the present position in this Assembly is apparent to all and although the continued defeats inflicted on the Government of the day may please a certain section of the Opposition, I venture to submit that there can be no real satisfaction over the confusion to which legislative procedure is thus reduced. As I have said, I am quite unaware of what fresh moves in the political field may be impending as a result of His Excellency's visit. We have been warned not to expect too much but I suggest that it is premature to anticipate that good will not result from the Viceroy's visit".

Sir Henry pointed out that the visit of the Viceroy was still further evidence of the sincerity of the intentions both of H. M. G. and the Viceroy himself. "This House will realise fully", he said, "the heavy responsibility which rests on the shoulders of the leaders of the two great parties opposite me and I sincerely trust that they may be guided in the direction of a right judgment which will produce something constructive in this most difficult interim period.

Sir Henry dwelt upon the demands which the post-war period would make on the country's leaders and said that he had listened to Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's remarks the other day advocating a policy of mutual assistance between great Britain and India and recalled that Mr. Gandhi himself at the Round Table Conference mention the Congress mandate contemplating a partnership.

Sir Henry also acknowledged the services of those who guided this country through the stormy seas of the last five years and he said he for one would be grateful to the present members of the Council for accepting a thankless responsibility for reasons of the greatest patriotism. Sir Henry paid a tribute to the Finance Member.

TRISCO CONFERENCE

Sir Henry referred to the controversy over India's representatives at the San Francisco Conference and said it would be most unfortunate if the present agitation should undermine the position of these representatives in the eyes of other countries present at that Conference. It was not sufficiently realised here that public attack upon our representatives abroad by no means enhance our reputation in foreign countries. "Whatever heat may me engendered in the discussion of political issues we should always bear in mind the fact that our dirty linen should be washed in private and not exported".

EARLIER, HE REFERRED TO MR. FRANK ANTHONY'S OBSERVATIONS ON BEVERLEY NICHOLS AND SAID HIS BOOK DID NOT MERIT THE WASTING OF FIVE MINUTES OF THE TIME OF THE HOUSE, MUCH LESS THE 30 MINUTES THAT MR. ANTHONY DEVOTED TO IT.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Dr. Bannerjee, Leader of the Nationalist Party, said whether the Allies would win the peace after they had won the war would depend on whether they would be able to cast away imperialism and racial discri-

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Windsor To Boost Empire?

(From Our Correspondent.)
LONDON, March 26.

The Duke of Windsor's special full time job as Britain's goodwill Ambassador, with a world-wide scope, is seriously foreshadowed by his friends here. The contemplated post is not a sinecure but will carry certain administrative duties and staff concentrated mainly in the Dominions and certain backward colonies, but will include "Showing the Flag visits" to all parts of the world. The Duke's pre-war prestige gained in similar tours makes him peculiarly fitted for such a job. It is learned that the Duke discussed his situation with the King before resignation and the King concurred before Windsor took the official step.

Patton's Men Enter Frankfurt

First Big Prize Of Allied 3-Pronged "Win-The-War" Offensive

LONDON, March 26. (Reuter) General Patton's Roaming armoured columns today entered Frankfrurt-on-Main Germany's ninth largest city aid the first big prize of General Eisenhower's three-pronged "win-the-war- offensive, accolding to a New York Radio report. "The city was entered this morning after American troops had closed in from three sides", the radio said. A Stockholm message said that Allied troops found Frankfurt virtually imptied of its population.

While General Patton's forces were plunging forward 200 road miles from this starting point only 16 days ago, Field Marshal Montgomery threw in tank-busting aireraft to meet the impending threat from Marshal Kesselring's 15th Panzer Division, reported Reuter's Special Correspondent at the 21st Army Group H. Q.

So far, however, there have been no reports of the impending armoured battle which will form the next stage of Montgomery's "final heave" into the heart of the northern Reich.

Armoured forces from General Patton's Mainz bridgeheads reached the southern end of the big communications centre of Aschaffenburg on the main river, 23 miles south-east of Frankfurt, and captured a bridge intact. Aschaffenburg is almost halfway across southern Germany from the borders of Luxembourg to Czechoslovakia.

The German News Agency reported to-day that fighting was going on outside the German city of Karlsruhe, five miles east of the Rhine on General Patch's U. S. 7th Army front, 60 miles south of General Patton's bridgehead.

Reuter's Special Correspondent with General Hodges' U. S. 1st Army reported to-night that American troops, breaking out eastward from their Rhine bridgehead at Remagen, have driven forward to a point 19 miles east of the Rhine.

Guns and armour are coming up in force to strengthen the troops who landed by air east of the Rhine states a message from the U. S. Army's airborne forces in Germany to-night.

A Paris report says General Patton's United States Third Army tanks are racing along central German plains within 250 miles of the Russian lines.

The German Overseas News Agency correspondent at German Headquarters in the West, Guenther Weber, said today, "The German High Command has imposed security silence on Marshal Kesselring's counter measures against Allied airborne attacks.

DARMSTADT CAPTURED

The German Overseas News Agency today reported that Allied airborne formations were dropped in General Patton's bridgehead east of Oppenheim. Land troops joined up with airborne formations and together they captured Darmstadt, the Agency said.

The new bridgehead between Coblenz and Boppard has now been expanded and troops of the 87th Infantry Division are today three miles east of Boppard. Resistance against them is very stubborn.

RITCHIE COMMANDS CORPS

Among the corps commanders in the British Second Army whose names were announced today is General Neil Methuen Ritchie, who commanded the Eighth Army in Libya in 1941. He now commands the Twelfth Corps of the Second Army.

Reuter's military correspondent writes: The big question of the moment is, how far will "a dash of Patton" and break out from the Remagen bridgehead affect the bigger plan? The German High Command felt sure that their two German armies would fight long and hard in the defensible country and so cover the southern sector of the Rhine. Not even the gloomiest anticipations of the German High Command, however, could have allowed for a virtual surrender of 120,000 German troops without their attempting any organised defence.

CHURCHILL CROSSES RHINE AGAIN

LONDON, March 26. (Reuter).

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, has again been across the Rhine, it is officially announced.

Field Marshal Montgomery, who accompanied him, said, "the battle is going extremely well".

The crossing was made to-day to visit the Second British Army sector. Mr. Churchill saw troops and vehicles streaming across the river and visited many troops on the far bank of the site of Saturday's battles.

The Prime Minister Mr. Churchill is now back in this country, says a later message.

LALA DUNI CHAND PASSES AWAY

Punjab Loses Popular Congress Leader

LAHORE, March 26. (A.P.I.)

Lala Duni Chand, M.L.A. (Congress) died this afternoon at his residence. He collapsed in his bath room. His servants gave a knock at the bath room, but finding no response, broke open the door and found the Lala dead.

Lala Duni Chand was 76 years old. Born in 1869 Lala Duni Chand qualified himself as barrister in 1895 and started practice in Lahore in 1896. He was an elected member of the Lahore Municipal Committee for a number of years and was returned to the Punjab Assembly in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Gopi Chand Bhargava.

COLOMBO CRICKET

COLOMBO, March 26. (A.P.I.): In the match between Combined Colleges Fifteen and the Indian team visiting Ceylon, led by Amarnath, the former ended their first innings with the score at 212. They were 97 for nine at lunch time..

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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JAP CLAIM RECAPTURE OF MEIKTILA

From Michael MacDonagh, A. P. I. Special Correspondent, Advanced Headquarters, BURMA, March 26:—The Japanese are fighting with determination in Kyaukse, 30 miles south of Mandalay, which they appear anxious to hold as long as possible, but troops of the Third Corps have pushed forward to within two and a quarter mile of the town.

In the Meiktila area, 80 miles south of Mandalay, severe fighting is still going on.

The Japanese today claimed to have recaptured Meiktila.

A small air attack was made yesterday on the north-eastern tip of Japanese-held Sumatra in the Dutch East Indies. Railway jetties were bombed.

Allies Capture Myittha

Advanced Hq. ALFSEA MARCH 26. To-day's S E A C Communique says. LAND. Fourteenth Army Front: Myittha, on the main railway line 12 miles south of Kyaukse, has been captured by the armoured column which entered Wundwin and turned north.

During the evening of 24 March, the Japanese attacked our positions in the Meiktila area with artillery and infantry.

Northern combat area command: The Lashio-Hsipaw Road is now cleared of the enemy. Troops of the Chinese First Army and the Fifteenth Division met yesterday ten miles from Hsipaw.

Troops of the British 36 division have reached Kankang 35 miles south east of Mogok.

Fifteenth Indian Corps Front: West African troops operating in the Letmauk area have cleared 4 Japanese road block.

LLOYD GEORGE DEAD

LONDON, March 26. Earl Lloyd George is dead.

An earlier A.P.A. message said:—A physicians' bulletin issued at Tynewydd-Llanystymdwy, Wales, to-day reported the condition of Lloyd George was becoming "more critical."

"The physical weakness of Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfer has increased considerably during the last 24 hours and his condition now is becoming more critical," the doctors said.

Paris, Washington, London Or Moscow?

WHERE WILL PEACE TREATY BE SIGNED?

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, MARCH 26

Where will the Peace Treaty be signed? "News of the World" states: that American Senators are urging Washington, French Paris, some Russian diplomats Moscow but "While our Government is silent", the Dominions are vociferously demanding that there is only one place where the treaty can be signed —London. They point out that for nearly two years the heart of the Empire stood unprecedented hammering and survived. American desires may be gratified by the decision that Japan shall sign her admission of defeat in Washington.

WAVELL BUSY SINCE ARRIVAL

LONDON, March 26. (Reuter): Lord Wavell has been continuously at work since his arrival here on Friday. Within a few hours he was in consultation with the Secretary for India, Mr. Amery and he did not relax during the whole week-end. "He never stops", was the observation in authoritative quarters.

Lord Wavell is using India Office as his headquarters and during the week-end there was a constant stream of important callers at his suite of offices.

The Viceroy and Lady Wavell are staying at a well-known West End hotel.—Reuter.

AMERICANS LAND IN OKINAWA?

NEW YORK, March 26. (Reuter). A Japanese broadcast picked up here reports American troops have "attempted landings" on Okinawa island in the Ryukyu group of islands today.

Okinawa island is about 850 miles from Tokyo.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26. (A.P.A.) The Japanese radio reported last night that American troops supported by intensive bombardment had "attempted a landing" in the Ryukyu Islands between southern Japan and Formosa on Sunday morning and that fierce engagements were taking place.

"The attempted enemy landing was made after continuous aerial bombing attacks and navy bombardments by an enemy task force since the morning of March 24 against Okinawa (the main island of the Ryukyu group) as well as Mikjakjima and Keramajima", the Domei dispatch said.

Tokyo radio said a large American task force was in the waters just southwest of Okinawa.

The Late Sir Shadi Lal

NEW DELHI, March 26. (A.P.I.)

The Rt. Hon'ble Sir Shadi Lal died here to-night at the age of 73 after prolonged illness.

STOP PRESS

IN FRANKFURT'S SOUTH-WEST SUBURBS

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Monday (Reuter).—Third Army tanks entered Frankfurt's south-west suburbs today.

FIRST ARMY'S PROGRESS

LONDON, March 26 (Reuter).—The First Army today advanced 22 miles through German Lines. After a severe tank and infantry battle the Ninth American Army Division has broken through German defences on the Lippe River East of Dorsten. Dorsten itself is about 16 miles east of the Rhine.

NAZIS WILL NEVER SEE RHINE AGAIN

German Earth Has Been Scorched; Nothing But Bitterness Of Defeat Remains

(From D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

SHAEF, March 25. (Midnight): Germans will never see the Rhine again. Only those who have perished on its banks will remain close to it. All others are seeing it fade in the distance as hordes of Allied troops sweep over it like an avalanche. Three whole Allied armies have crossed the river at Xanten, Remagen, and the area of Oppenheim. Soon, the Ruhr will be lost by Germany almost without a fight. The curfew tolls the knell of Nazi Germany. The end is only a question of time. The voice of Yalta re-echoes—"Nazi Germany is doomed".

The day's report shows that Wesel has been cleared by the British commandos and Rees is almost cleared too. Prisoners taken by the British Second Army and airborne army total 6,500 in a single day. Along with the American Ninth Army, they are consolidating their position and strengthening their bridgeheads. Further south, on the American First Army Front, there is evidence of stiff German resistance on the Bonn-Coblenz sector. It is however Patton's Third Army which has stolen the thunder. In 24 hours it took a total of 19,000 prisoners which constitutes a record. Patton's ten day's total score of German prisoners is 72,000. At the rate Germans are being taken prisoners, there will not be any left to surrender.

The sorties flown by Allied aircraft to-day totals 6,000. Details of the result now available show that tanks, transport locomotives, gun positions, barges, motor vehicles and railway cars are destroyed by many hundreds every day. Even whole buildings are being destroyed by the hundreds daily. Never before has a single people taken so merciless a punishment as the Germans are taking now. German earth has been scorched and German life is being scorched too. Soon nothing will remain alive in Germany. Its pride has stooped, its morale is crushed, its people beaten and its bastard Nazi civilisation has been reduced to cinders. Only bitterness will remain for this generation of Germans to taste. It is the bitterness which comes with defeat.

German Version Of "The Moon Is Down"?

(From D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" War Correspondent.)

SHAEF, March 25.

It is revealed here that both American First and Third Armies were fired at by German police and 'civilians. These civilians are apparently not 'volksturm'.

An edict issued in the Third Army Sector declaring that all civilians who fired upon the American troops would be shot at sight without trial, suggests that these offending civilians are not wearing 'volksturm' insignia. It is difficult to say whether this new development is the last phase of German enthusiasm or whether it is the beginning of the German version of "The Moon Is Down".

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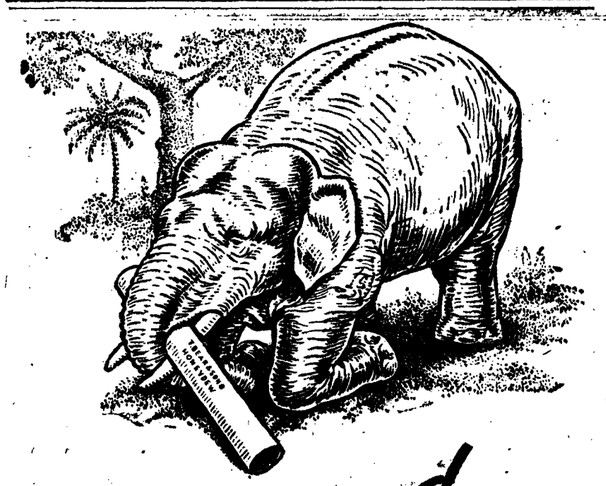

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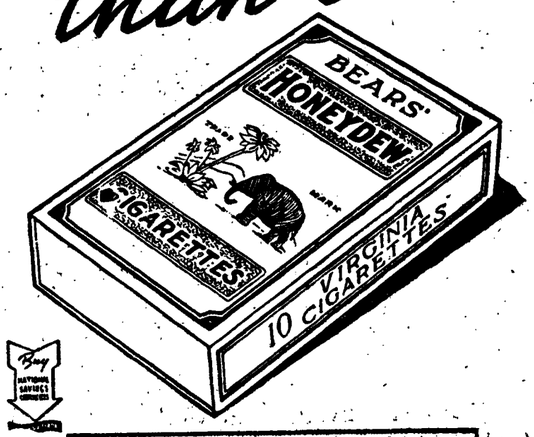

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Sapru On Main Cause Of Communal Differences

Why Inflict On Students A Wrong Version Of History, A Complete Distortion Of True Facts?

ALLAHABAD, March 26 (A.P.I.)—Presiding over the inaugural meeting of the Hindustani Culture Society—a society formed to bring about conciliation and harmony among the different communities in India—yesterday, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru emphasised that Hindus and Muslims belonged to the same nation and their culture was a common heritage of at least five centuries.

"It is the education of the last half a century, he said, which has driven a wedge into our good relations and comradeship. To change this type of education is our primary duty."

According to Sir Tej Bahadur, the greatest injustice which had been done during the last two centuries was the infliction through our education of the wrong version of history which was the main cause of the differences existing today between the Hindus and Muslims.

"It is due to this fact alone that today the average Mussalman thinks that the Hindu is a 'kafir' and an idol worshipper and the Hindu thinks that the Mussalman is bigoted and tyrannical but if you study history through the Hindi and Persian sources from the 15th to 19th century, you will find that the present rendering of history is not only a garbled version of true facts, but a complete distortion thereof."

Dr. Bhagvan Das, President of the Governing Body of the Society, who could not be present personally on account of indifferent health, in a message to the meeting said that the key note of the new Hindustani culture should be reconciliation, synthesis, and coordination of all sorts of persons and things, races and religions.

The Governing Body of the Society decided to publish two monthly magazines for the propagation of the aims and ideas of the Society. It was resolved that the Hindi monthly "Vishwa Vani" should be taken over by the Society from its present proprietors and used as an organ of the Society and a monthly magazine in Urdu should be started as soon as possible. A central library, designed to serve as the centre of investigation and research in the cultures of India, will also be established by the Society.

In order to organise a band of workers for the propagation of the aims and objects of the society, a committee was also formed to organise a camp, of workers from all over India for the study and discussion of all aspects of Indian culture and different problems arising from the relations of various communities living in India.

Messages wishing success to the meeting were sent amongst others by the Hon'ble Sir Jogendra Singh, Sir Rustam Masani, Mr. B. G. Kher, Prof. Tan Yun Shan, Mr. S. K. Rudra, Dr. Abdul Haq and Dr. Syed Mahmud.

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"Let Us Have A Change"

Rajaji's Plea For Ending Deadlock

(From A Correspondent).

GWALIOR, March 22 (By Mail).

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, ex-Premier of Madras, delivered a speech here in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Gwalior Cultural Association, before a large distinguished gathering. Sir S. P. Rajagopalachari, Home Minister presided. In the course of his speech Rajaji said:

"Nations are entitled to make progress even with errors. Have not the British changed their constitution from time to time. If they have changed their constitution, why should not we change? Therefore let us begin somehow. Supposing Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Mr. Liaquat Ali agree together and a settlement is made, do not tear it into pieces or correct it here and there. Accept it.

But supposing they do not succeed, then there is Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru. He is a fair man no doubt. Let him examine the whole thing. His advice should not be disregarded. My advice is: "Let us accept whatever may the agreement be, because our children will have the strength of mind and heart to correct. Let us have a change. I am so disgusted with the present state of things that I am prepared to put down my signature to anything whatever the result may be for I know that our children will be able to change and correct it."

Making a casual mention of history, the speaker remarked, "What the Scindias did, what the Holkars did, all that is one lesson to us—the lesson of real administration and real conquest and of real human adventure. But they were deeply religious people. They wanted freedom. They proceeded like wise men. The Mahratta history should be read by our politicians of today. The very same events may not happen but the truth will be repeated.

CITY'S ELECTORAL ROLLS

Merchants' Chamber Urges Extension Of Time For Submission Of Claims

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, have addressed a communication to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Legal Department on the question of the inadequacy of the time allowed for submission of objections and claims before the final publication of the Electoral Rolls. The communication says:

"The first publication of the Rolls was made on 12th March, 1945. Simultaneously, a Notification was issued through the medium of the press that claims and objections in respect of the Rolls should be submitted in writing within ten days of that date. My Committee understand that a large number of voters has not been able to get their names included in the Rolls or to present their claims in time within the period stipulated as above. This is quite conceivable inasmuch as there has been considerable shift in the population in the various parts of the Presidency in between the publication of the last Rolls and now. In particular, the population of the city has increased by more than a third. From the trend of the discussion on this subject in the public press and from information placed before my Committee by interests in active touch with the existing state of affairs, my Committee have reason to fear that a large number of persons who were legitimately entitled to the franchise have been deprived of the same by reason of adequate facilities, time and notice not having been given in regard to the work and programme connected with the revision of the Rolls.

The Committee request that Government will be pleased to do the needful in the matter with a view (1) to getting Regulation (3) Part II of the Bombay Electoral Regulations suitably amended so as to allow a longer period of time for submission of claims, and to (2) bring about the necessary changes in the current programme for the publication of the Rolls so as to give to the public full notice and longer time to get omissions and errors in the Roll duly rectified.

In view of the urgency and importance of the matter, the Committee request Government to be pleased to make an early announcement in that regard.

NON-FERROUS METAL INDUSTRY

Mr. Kamani's Plea For Government Help

At a press conference held at Delhi Mr. R. H. Kamani, President of the Jaipur Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the board of directors of Kamani Metals and Alloys Ltd., explained the part played by the non-ferrous industry in India to meet war-time requirements and the urgent need for developing this important industry.

"The position regarding the supplies of non-ferrous metals the most acute in India, and it is this refining and manufacturing industry which has filled in the gap and supplied the most vital requirements of Defence, railways and esential industries in India", said Mr. Kamani. He pointed out that during the war, the non-ferrous industry has been developed in India to a certain extent and that with proper Government help from this nucleus a large industry could be built up which would be sufficient to meet India's requirements not only in war-time but also in peace-time.

In his opinion, the Government should immediately take the following measures:

(1) A declaration that the non-ferrous industry is a key industry and that the Government will give the necessary protection and help to maintain this established industry and give full scope for its development. Protection against competition of well-organised foreign countries will be necessary at least in the early years. The most suitable form of protection would be the grant of a subsidy.

(2) All export of non-ferrous scrap from the country should be prohibited or restricted and import of scrap would be allowed free of duty. At the same time, so long as India is not producing sufficient non-ferrous metals to meet her own requirements import of virgin metals should be allowed at a lower rate of duty as compared with the rate of duty on finished or semi-finished manufacture of non-ferrous metals.

(3) A sum of rupees one crore should be earmarked for expenditure in the country. Many of the mines which have been abandoned may prove to be valuable source of supply. It is likely that with up-to-date equipment it may now be possible to exploit the mineral deposits at lower depths than was possible in former times.

Mr. Kamani appealed to the Government of India not to miss the present opportunity for creating a large non-ferrous industry in India.

Rewashering Of Leaky Taps

MEANS TO STOP WASTAGE OF WATER

Bombay Municipality referring to the problem of wastage of city's supply of water says:—

In order to minimise waste, the Bombay Municipal Corporation have decided to undertake the work of re-washering all leaky taps in the City, at a nominal charge of annas eight per tap which is recoverable either from the owner or from the tenant. The citizens of Bombay are earnestly requested to co-operate with the Municipality in their drive for eliminating all avoidable waste of water, and consequent inconvenience, by contacting the Water Works Inquiry Office, Babula Tank (Telephone Nos. 50076 and 40068), whenever they find a tap leaking, and requiring immediate re-washering.

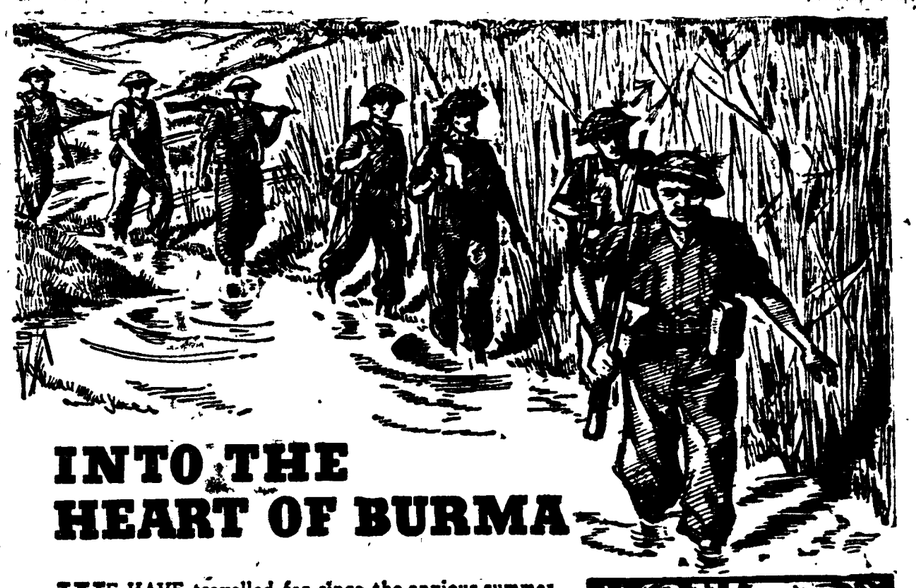
Luftwaffe Chief Arrested

LONDON, March 23 (Globe).—Field Marshal Otto von Sperle, the man who lost the Battle of Britain, is reported to have been arrested on the orders of Goering.

He is said to be under house arrest near Munich.

One reason given for this action is that von Sperle is being made the scapegoat for the failure of the Luftwaffe.

He also directed the civilian murder raids against Britain by the destruction of Coventry and other cities.



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Hightide 2-40, 24-58.
Lowtide 6-38, 18-30.
Improvements Committee—2-30 p.m. (B.T.)

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN
Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

DAVID SASSOON LIBRARY & READING ROOM—Ninety-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Members to-day (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m.

THE BOMBAY METALLURGICAL SOCIETY—Mr. C. W. Clarke, Director of Munitions Production, Bombay, will speak on the Physics of Metal Cutting to-day (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the B.E.S.T. Co.'s "Electric House" at Colaba Causeway. After the Lecture two movie films on Metal Cutting will be shown. Admission will be free.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY—Annual general meeting today (Tuesday) at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.) at the Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Fort, when Lady Colville will preside.

P.E.N. PUBLIC LECTURE.—Rajya Ratna Shri Satya Vrata Mukerjea, of Baroda, will lecture today (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m. on "The Lyric of the Nineties and After". Prof. G. C. Bannerjee will preside. The meeting will be at the Government Law College, near Churchgate Station.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY—Weekly Luncheon Meeting today (Tuesday) at 1-30 p.m. Green's Hotel. Mr. H. R. Stimson will speak on "The Indian Soldier Abroad" only Rotarians can attend.

NATIONAL WEEK EXHIBITION
General Secretary, National Week Exhibition Committee writes:

Congress workers of Matunga will celebrate National Week by organising a Khadi, Village Industries and Handicrafts' Exhibition at Napoo Gardens, during the National Week from the 6th April, 1945. The Exhibition and sales of Khadi, and various gramodyog products, handicrafts, etc., will be an important item of this Exhibition. As a special feature, there will be a Congress Presidential gallery showing the portraits of all the Congress Presidents. There will also be an Art, Photographic gallery, health gallery, etc. Regular interesting musical and other programmes will also form a part of the Exhibition. A nominal admission fee of Anna 1 will be charged.

NATIONAL WEEK EXHIBITION COMMITTEE—Vocal music competition will be held in National Songs during the exhibition commencing from 6th April 1945 in all languages. Candidates who wish to take part in the competition are requested to give their full address, age and the language in which they wish to sing on or before the 2nd April, 1945 to the Hon. Secretary, National Week Exhibition Committee, Matunga.

STUDY CIRCLE—Under the auspices of the Matunga and Sion Congress Samities, Shrimati Kalyani Bhatacharjee will speak on "Famine and its causes" at Pioneer Middle School today (Tuesday) at 9 p.m. (N.S.T.)

GITA KENDRA (MATUNGA):—Lecture on GITA by Sri Goswamy Ganesh Dutt (of Punjab), President of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, at 9 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Asthika Samaj Hall, Matunga. Acharya T. A. V. Dikshitar of Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan will preside.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION:—Annual general meeting today (Tuesday) at 5-45 p.m. in the Association Rooms, Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort. The annual social gathering of the Association will be held at 6-15 p.m. today (Tuesday) in the Association Rooms when Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President of the Association, will preside.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS:—At a meeting of Registered Accountants held on the 23rd instant, the constitution and byelaws of the above Institute was duly approved and the first managing committee was formed with Sir Shapurji Billimoria as President and Mr. Sorab S. Engineer and Mr. B. J. Whitley as Vice-Presidents. The Registered Office is at present situated at 49, Apollo Street, Bombay, where all communications may be addressed to the Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN WESTERN INDIA: Annual general meeting in the Municipal Corporation Hall on Wednesday the 28th instant at 6-30 p.m. to consider (1) Administration Report of the Executive Committee and the audited Statements of accounts and (2) for the Election of Office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee.

MAZDAZNAN GRAND GATHERING:—Today at 6-15 p.m. at Sir C. J. Hall to honour Mother Gloria. A musical programme will be presented. Various speakers will speak. Mother Gloria will preside.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: At the annual general meeting of the Progressive Group held at Green's on 14th March the following were elected members of the Standing Committee for the new year: Messrs. H. J. Banker M. D. Japheth, H. S. Doctor, R. C. Doosh-mal and B. N. Gokhale.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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Nadkarni Cup

FORTY TEAMS TO COMPETE THIS SEASON

The Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament which is open to purely Indian sides has attracted 40 teams. Barring the Muslim Sports Club, all the First Division teams of last year's Harwood League are in the list. The W.I.A.A. Staff, the famous Indian side sponsored by Mr. Jehangir Patell for the last few years, will appear in new garb. It is said that Mr. Pesi Hirjee will field all those stars, with the exception of Rashad, who is still under suspension, under the name of Trades India Sports Club.

THE DRAW

The following is the draw:—

FIRST QUARTER:—Claridge S.C.—bye vs G.I.P. Sports Club "A"—bye. Sun-flower F.C.—bye Lever Sports Club "A"—bye. Matunga A.C.—bye vs. Tata S.C. "B"—bye. H.M.I. Dockyard S.C.—bye vs. B.E.S.T.—bye.

SECOND QUARTER:—Prakash F.C. vs. St. Francis Goans. Muslims Stars F.C. vs. South Kanara "B". G.I.P. Sports Club "B" vs. "The Times of India" S.C. Lever Sports Club "B" vs. St. Joseph's F.C. "A". Ansar F.C.—bye vs. Young Hindus S.C.—bye. Kohinoor S.C.—bye vs. Ford Harijan Association—bye.

THIRD QUARTER:—South India F.C.—bye vs. Young Goans "B"—bye. Tata S.C. "A"—bye vs. Indian Gymkhana—bye. South Kanara "A" vs. Young Fishermen Khatau S.C. vs. Khar Young United. New Rangers F.C. vs. Young Goans "A". Wimco S.C. vs. Bharat F.C.

FOURTH QUARTER:—Trades India Sports Club—bye. vs. C.Y.N.S. Club—bye. Young Comrades "A"—bye vs. Minerva S.C.—bye. Goan Sports Club—bye vs. Colaba Rangers—bye. Navalim S.C.—bye vs. Ammunition Factory—bye.

BENGALI DRAMA "P.W.D."

The Bengali drama, P.W.D., staged by the Calcutta Amateurs at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, on Saturday last, was a great success from the production point of view. But it deserved greater support from the public.

Special mention may be made of those who played the parts of Shyamali, Dr. Sen, Swamiji and Bisupaksha with credit. The songs by Miss Asati Mukherji were appealing.

A.-I. HANDLOOM BOARD

Will Advance Interests Of Industry

BOMBAY, March 26 (A.P.I.)—The Government of India, it is understood, will shortly set up an All-India Handloom Board to advance the interests of Handloom industry and to administer the Central Government's grants-in-aid to the industry.

The functions of the proposed board would include:

Recommendations as to what proportion of yarn available from Indian production should be supplied to provinces and States interested in handloom weaving;

Assistance to handloom weavers in obtaining dyes, chemicals and other necessary stores at fair rates.

Consideration of the best means of marketing Indian handloom products.

Directing research schemes, which would be mainly concerned with market research rather than laboratory research.

The Board will consist of 25 members and include nominees of Provincial Governments and States, representatives of handloom industry and representatives of the Textile Control Board.

A.-I. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AND MOBILE HEALTH CANTEEN

BOMBAY, March 26. (U.P.I.): A Mobile Health Canteen offered by the Asoka Memorial Committee in London for use in India, specially for the rural areas is to be given to the All-India Women's Conference which will operate it in areas where the supply of medicines is scarce and most needed, especially in the event of outbreak of epidemics. The London Committee has organised a special fund to equip and send out this health canteen, which will be maintained in future by the Women's Conference at its own cost.

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Acting Director of the Institute writes:—

With reference to the announcement appearing in this morning's paper in Local Engagements column under the heading Tata Institute of Social Sciences, I am to point out that the announcement is incorrectly stated. The Tata Institute of Social Sciences does not hold public lectures under its auspices. The lectures are arranged and given under the auspices of the Nagpada Neighbourhood House as a part of its educational programme. Neighbourhood House has an open forum where problems, social, economic and political are discussed by public men belonging to any shade of opinion.

Satyamurthi Memorial Library Fund

Mr. K. S. Venkitakrishnan, Secretary of the Satyamurthi Memorial Committee, writes: "On the eve of the Second Anniversary of Sri. S. Satyamurthi, I wish to approach once again the patriotic public with an appeal for generous donations towards the Satyamurthi Momorial Library Fund. This fund has been opened to found a Library at Matunga which will serve as a permanent tribute to the memory of Sri. Satyamurthi and his lifelong service for the nation. The cause is great and I hope that the response from the public will also be equally great. Contributions, however small, will be accepted with gratitude."

DOWN WITH NOMINATIONS TO CORPORATION

City Fathers Adopt Patil's Resolution For Amendment Of Municipal Act

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Bombay Municipal Corporation, by a majority vote, expressed the opinion to-day that a person who holds or accepts any office of profit under the Crown "should be disqualified for being elected or for being a Municipal Councillor". A resolution sponsored in this connection by Mr. S. K. Patil, leader of the Congress Muncipal Party, suggested the forwarding of the resolution to the Municipal Commissioner with a request that he may submit the necessary draft amendment to the Municipal Act for approval by the Corporation and for being submitted to the Government.

TWO AMENDMENTS

Two amendments to the resolution tabled by the Opposition were defeated by a heavy majority. The first amendment was by Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha recommending the reference of the resolution to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee. The second was moved by Mr. M. N. Talpade urging that those who have a share directly or indirectly in Government contracts should be disqualified.

DEMOCRATISE IT

Speaking on his resolution, Mr. S. K. Patil said that the important alteration which he sought to introduce in the Municipal Act had one aim namely, to democratise the Corporation. He wanted the Act to be similar to the Government of India Act of 1935 according to which a person who accepted an office of profit under Government was disqualified from holding membership of the legislature. He felt the need for sponsoring the resolution because some members who had accepted office under Government had not resigned their seats in the Municipal Corporation. He cited in this connection the name of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta.

In sponsoring the resolution, Mr. Patil said, he was not concerned with any individuals. He was only concerned with a principle. The present lacuna in the Municipal Act allowed members to neglect the interests of voters for prolonged periods after election.

THREE NOMINATED MEMBERS

The resolution would affect the three nominated members of the Corporation namely, the Commissioner of Police, the Executive Engineer and the Chairman of the Port Trust. In a democratic body like the Corporation, they were out of place. In the very nature of things, a person who accepted office of profit under Government could not have a free and unfettered judgment. They could have no interest in the work. Mr. Patil complained that the Commissioner of Police was absent from the Corporation even when a resolution concerning his department had come up for discussion. Past experience only strengthened the feeling that the Corporation should have no nominated members.

There have been changes introduced in the Municipal Act from time to time, said Mr. Patil. Their aim was democratisation. The present resolution sought to introduce a genuine democratic spirit.

Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha opposed the resolution on the ground that it sought to interfere with the discretion of voters. If a constituency wished to back up a Government employee, there should be no fettering of its judgment.

Mr. Bharucha pointed out that there were some members in the House who were Government contractors. They made huge profits as contractors. How could they sit in a democratic house, he wished to know from the sponsors of the resolution.

Mr. Bharucha urged reference of the resolution to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee.

Mr. M. V. Donde who opposed the resolution said that it was unfair to disqualify a candidate merely on the ground that he happened to hold a position under Government. In case a popular Government was established, it would be wrong to debar a person who belonged to Government from serving a local body.

Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh who opposed the resolution urged the sponsors to realise at least the need for a time limit for the disqualification.

Mr. M. N. Talpade was against the spirit of the resolution. He said that it should be a matter for pride for the Corporation to have members who held office under the Crown.

HEALTHY "PRINCIPLE"

Mirza Akhtar Hussain called the resolution "one of the best tabled in the House" and lent support to it. He was of the opinion that the resolution stood for a healthy principle. Nominated members were out of place in a democratic body. They might breathe fire and thunder against Government on occasions. But after all they had to act like nominees of Government.

Mr. Z. Chowdhury supported the resolution on the ground that it was a move in the right direction.

Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas who lent support to Mr. Patil cited the instance of Sir Phirozeshah Mehta who had refused lucrative Government jobs because he wished to serve Bombay's citizens.

Dr. S. P. Mehta and Mr. K. H. Goregaonkar opposed the resolution.

DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FOR DAYS OF STOPPAGE

Alleged Violation Of Industrial Disputes Act

The General Secretary of the Mill Kamdar Union, Ahmedabad, states:

The Textile Mills in Ahmedabad were closed without notice on the ground of alleged shortage of coal on two occasions from 9-1-1945 to 12-1-1945 and 23-2-1945 to 28-2-45. The workers have not received their wages for this stoppage of work.

Two applications have been filed in the Industrial Court, Bombay, against the Vijay Mills Ltd., and the New Manekchowk Spg. and Wvg. Mills Co., Ltd., Ahmedabad, for the abovesaid acts of the illegal changes in closing the mills without following the necessary provisions of the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act, before effecting the said change and also for not paying the wages of the workers as the said actions of the mills have entailed loss of employment, work and wages to the workers.

MEDICAL MEN'S HOLIDAYS

At a meeting of general medical practitioners of the Girgaum and Grant Road localities held on Sunday under the presidentship of Dr. S. K. Gokhale, it was resolved to observe a half-holiday on all Bank Holidays in future, as is already being done on Sundays. All practitioners of these localities are requested by the resolution to keep their dispensaries closed on the evening of Good Friday, the 30th instant.

KOLHAPUR RESIDENT FOR PUNJAB STATES

NEW DELHI, March 26. (A.P.I.): The Viceroy has selected Mr. J. H. Thompson, at present Resident for Kolhapur and the Deccan States, for appointment as Resident for the Punjab States vice Mr. C. L. Corfield granted leave from the end of the current month.

'G. N. B's' RECITAL

It was a good treat of Karnataki music that G. N. Balasubramaniam and party gave to a packed house at Matunga on Sunday under the auspices of the Indian Fine Arts Circle. The programme consisted of Classic Kirtans mostly of Thyagaraja which were rendered in fine style.

In 'Panuvarali', G. N. B. stayed on some rare 'reaches,' while Chowdiah accompanied him with a display of cross-cut flashes. In 'Mohanam', the vocalist gave a fine touch of 'Bhoop' with a thin layer of 'tans' which was a marvellous piece of 'graft work' within bounds. In 'Abohi' both the vocalist and the violinist did extensive coverage from different angles, the latter regaling the audience with deft 'double-string' thrusts on all fronts. The 'Pallavi' in Sangarabaranam proved to be a 'tour de force' among the 'Big Three' of the Karnataki music which pulled the enthusiasm of the audience to frenzy Palghat Mani's 'gaths' were a rare treat with a seasoned display of modulated and finished strokes. He showed a genius in capturing musical endences of the vocalist on Mridangam which gave an extra ornamentation to the rendering of 'Swaras'.

In between the battle of giants, the Small Man was neglected. There was an under-current of feeling that G. N. B. did not give to the people what was theirs in the shape of more popular songs and new stylisations, of which he has a growing stock. Rao Saheb T. P. Ananthan thanked the artistes on behalf of the Fine Arts Circle.

K. A. C.

Radhakrishnan Suffers From Heat Stroke

BENARES, March 26 (API) Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Benares University, had a milk attack of heat stroke and has consequently cancelled his Calcutta programme. He however, hopes to be able to attend the Conciliation Committee meetings at Delhi during the Easter recess.

REGISTRATION OF MILK RATION CARDS IN SUBURBS

The registration of milk ration cards of children and expectant and nursing mothers in the urban areas of the Bombay Suburban District begins from Tuesday, March 27.

Registration will be done from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the morning centres and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the evening centres. Lists of the milk distribution centres have been kept at the Rationing Offices for reference by the public.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 26, (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours L. M. T. on 23rd instant:—

Allahabad 96 69 0, BOMBAY 91 78 0, Calcutta 79 75 0, Cawnpore 95 70 1, Cuttack 103 71 0, Darjeeling 61 44 0, Delhi 93 63 0, Dehra Dun 86 55 0, Jacobabad 93 62 0, Karachi 83 70 0, Lahore 85 53 0, Lucknow 97 66 0, Madras 98 76 0, Nagpur 103 69 0, Patna 94 68 0, Peshawar 80 55 0, Shillong 70 46 0, Simla nil nil nil.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The most unhappy of all men is the man that cannot tell what he is going to do, that has got no work cut out for him in the world, and does not go into it. For work is the grand cure of all the maladies and miseries that ever beset mankind—honest work, which you intend getting done.

—THOMAS CARLYLE.

The Bombay Chronicle

CONGRESS AND LEGISLATURES

The formation of a Congress Ministry in the Frontier Province has led many to ask why similar ministries should not be formed in the provinces still under Section 93. On the other hand some critics—motley outside the Congress—have wildly condemned Dr. Khan Saheb for his move and Gandhiji, for the support he is supposed to have given him. But so far as Gandhiji is concerned he has scrupulously refrained from publishing any opinion on the Frontier move or saying what he wrote in his confidential letter to Dr. Khan Saheb. It is, therefore, as much a conjecture to say that Gandhiji supported the move as to say he opposed it. It seems more probable that he suggested that the question of Congress Ministry in any particular province must be decided by the local Congress leaders on their own responsibility in the best interests of the people. Dr. Khan Saheb himself has not said that he has acted under Gandhiji's guidance. On the contrary he has said: "We were compelled to accept office by the people of the Frontier Province and if we are unable to serve them properly we would resign".

In a letter to Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier of Assam giving advice on the attitude to be adopted by Congress Legislators Gandhiji is reported to have said: "Do what is best cost what it may. Kill corruption. Adopt that alternative which is the best under the circumstances. I know that the difficulties will be many but we have to cut our way through". These words appear to support the view that Gandhiji has left the decision of ministry-making to the provincial Congress leaders concerned, who best know the local conditions and are best qualified to judge which particular policy should be followed in their Legislative Assemblies. In response to Gandhiji's suggestions Mr. Bardoloi has decided not to form a Congress ministry but to support, on certain conditions, a coalition ministry of other parties. It is reported that the Congress Party in Sind has come to the conclusion that only an All-Party Government, presumably including the Congress Party itself could successfully cope with the problems in Sind. Thus the different decisions of the Congress Parties in different provinces seem to confirm the view that Gandhiji has urged Provincial Congress leaders to decide for themselves their policy in the provincial legislatures in the light of local conditions. Some have suggested that there is no reason why the Frontier example should not be followed in other Congress-majority provinces. But no one formula can necessarily be the best course for all such provinces. Each case is to be judged by its own merits, presuming that Gandhiji has given full discretion to provincial Congress leaders. It seems possible that this question will soon be discussed seriously at provincial meetings of Congress legislators and other Congress leaders. But it should be noted in this connection that for obvious reasons it will be impossible for Congress to form a ministry in any province unless it has an assurance that the Governor will not interfere with the day to-day administration of the ministry, that he will follow the same policy which he did in the early years of the Congress ministries and that Congress and other political prisoners of the province, not tried or not found guilty of violence will be released immediately after the formation of the ministry.

A suggestion has been made by many that Dr. Khan Saheb has missed a good opportunity of conciliating the Muslim League by including one of its nomnees in the Cabinet, that the omission should be made good as early as possible and that hereafter wherever Congress undertakes to form a ministry it should encourage coalitions as far as possible. Now though some Congress leaders like Mr. Nurie, ex-Minister of Bombay, do not attach any particular importance to coalition ministries, there are many others who feel that in the present circumstances coalition ministries are expedient, if some way is found out of the dangers or possible dual or multiple government as a result of the different sections of a Government being primarily responsible to the discipline of their own respective parties. Dr. Khan Saheb seems to have been but too keenly conscious of these dangers. And as a matter of fact Mr. Jinnah himself stands in the way of all-parties ministries by his policy of non-co-operation with Muslim Ministers of parties other than the League. If Mr. Jinnah can be more reasonable we do not think Congress will fail to give Coalition Ministries a chance as far as possible.

Frankly Speaking

Kesselring's Dilemma

It is noteworthy that during the first two days of Field-Marshal Montgomery's great assault of the Rhine the Germans have offered little resistance and his bridgehead across the river has been strengthened and extended almost unchallenged. This may partly be due to the effectiveness of the massive air offensive that preceded the operations. But it is also probably due to Marshal Kesselring's hesitation to commit his troops against Montgomery immediately. He is perhaps wise in doing so though his problem is insoluble. The American First and Third Armies have, according to latest reports, achieved what very nearly amounts to a big break-through east of the Rhine. If committed in the northern sector Kesselring's forces would be in danger of finding an American force in their rear. But if he waits he lets Montgomery build up for a tremendous drive across the northern plains of Germany. This is his dilemma to which there is no answer.

France And Colonies

French Indo-China has been promoted to the status of a Federation and received the boon of "far-reaching constitutional changes". It is to be granted "political and economic autonomy". As M. Giocobbi, the Minister of Colonies, in the De Gaulle Government has so graciously stated "Indo-China will have full economic autonomy and will be encouraged to develop her industries, agriculture and other trade with foreign countries". The language suggests that the autonomy will be exercised by the Governor-General through Ministers "chosen" from amongst the Indo-Chinese people and also French residents. We in India know the reality behind this kind of "autonomy" and the character of the Governor-General's Council. And we also know how economic autonomy is "encouraged" and foreign trade developed and with what object.

'Under French Sovereignty'

Asia and Africa know all this for what it is: imperialism in a disguise that has already worn thin. It is similar to, if not exactly identical with British Imperial policy. They will not surrender their "colonies" even to an international authority and they "mean to hold what is ours". The alleged French Charter to the Colonies—the boon is to be bestowed on other subject countries of the French Empire too—cannot deceive any one. It is not freedom which ought to be the right of every country and people but denial of it. M. Giocobbi himself gave the game away in advance and furnished an illuminating commentary on this "original" "conception of a great French Union including France and the various parts of her Empire" when announcing in the Consultative Assembly last week his opposition to the proposal of an international mandate for Colonies, he declared: "Lands shaped fertilised and civilised by the blood and sweat of our children should remain under French sovereignty".

Government's Duty

It took a great deal of public protests and agitation and also discussion in the Central Assembly for Government to recognise the discontent and dissatisfaction against their requisitioning policy in Bombay. After Sir John Colville's explanations, the Acting Governor, Sir Henry Knight, too has sought to reassure the civil population of Bombay through his reply to the deputation of citizens led to him by Sir Homi Mody. We are interested in the future and therefore it is unnecessary to go into public accusations of recklessness in the past and the Acting Governor's refutation of them. Sir Henry Knight has noted a number of points urged by the deputationists for consideration. We want to emphasise some of them. The various clubs, as pointed out by Mr. Munshi are eminently suited to serve the purposes for which residential buildings are being requisitioned to the great and undoubted inconvenience of the residents. Secondly, Sir Homi Mody's suggestion regarding relaxation of restrictions on building should be accepted. And, above all, there must be constituted a general advisory committee in connection with requisitioning of buildings. We are afraid the public cannot accept Sir Henry Knight's argument. It is making too ridiculous a fetish of "security reasons" to apply the excuse to Bombay which is situated a thousand miles away from the war zones.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Women are naturally foolish because they were made to match the men.

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The reflections of a woman are often as satisfactory as those of her mirror.

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Talk is so cheap that much of it has to be disposed of at a big discount.

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A good resolution affords the maker great consolation, even though it lasts only five minutes.

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Of all meddlers there are none who get it in the solar plexis quite so hard as those who meddle with love.

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What some people know about driving an automobile would fill a book—and what they don't know about it helps to fill the morgue.

OUR READER'S /VIEWS

A Question For Parsis

I am tempted to ask this question in view of recent happenings. The high priest, Dastur, of the Wadiaji Ateshbehram, recently incurred debts and has decrees against him. The Parsi community is asked to subscribe to a "charity" fund raised for the purpose of settling these debts. The Trustees of the Ateshbehram (fire temple) who include Sir B. J. Wadia amongst others have published in the papers that they have unanimously resolved to grant time to the Dastur to raise a fund by public appeals to settle these debts. And if this is done, the Dastur will remain one of the spiritual guides and heads of our community. The "Archbishop of Canterbury" in our community can retain his bishopric and preach sermons with court decrees against him by Marwaris! I ask are we educated and cultured? And even a few days ago the same "Archbishop" made a resounding speech in the Cowasji Jehangir Hall in defence of Parsi "blue blood" to the thundering applause of a crowded gathering!

P. A. WADIA.

Milk Centre At Null Bazar

Within a radius of one square mile —Sandhurst Road, Bhendibazar, Pydhonie and Bapukhote St.—there are only two milk centres, each with over 600 cards to deal with. New cards after the 12th March are not registered. The ladies and children are asked to hunt for their milk supply from distant centres.

Most of the milk-pots come without seals and the remaining have tottering seals having half-open lids. For the past weeks there has been a row over such milk of doubtful quality.

The boy clerks sit crouching in a corner, while the unauthorised persons manage the queues and distribution of the milk giving undue advantage to their own people.

A serpentine staircase, two feet wide, leads the cardholders to the open terrace on the 4th floor. Mothers with crying infants in arms, children and old men with their disabled legs step up as early as 3-30 p.m. to form queues of hundreds, in the scorching sun till 4-30 p.m. The condition in May-June and monsoon will be pitiable. The children stand every risk of falling or getting a sunstroke.

Dr. Pradhan, the special officer (milk), in an interview expressed his utter helplessness in the above matter. The cardholders of C-52 evening centre had approached the Milk Commissioner on the 17-3-45 for his immediate attention to the following request: (1) Supply of genuine milk; (2) placing the centre C-52 on the groundfloor; (3) to open five centres in the locality; (4) depute a full-time inspector; (5) larger staff for registration of the cards; (6) provision of lamps at C-29 (Urdu Girls School).

HUSSEIN I. SHEIKH.

Hospital Day

Sunday, the 4th of March 1945, will be recorded as a red letter day in the history of the J. J. Group of Hospitals. The day was especially celebrated and the doors of all the departments were thrown open to the general public in order that the public might be acquainted with what work is being done by the hospital authorities to give relief to the distressed. This effort taken by the hospital authorities is much appreciated by the general public.

The public, who came there to witness the general working of the hospital and the various departments attached thereto, numbered over two millions—so the press report goes. The public, of course, could not avail themselves of the opportunity to go round all the departments, different laboratories, etc. during the short span of time, viz; 2 to 7 p.m. allowed to them by the authorities. Consequently most of the public went back to their homes very much disheartened. The public, besides, had to wait for a considerable long time in a queue before they could enter a particular department; and, owing to the excessively large crowd of people, many could not get 'even a glimpse' of the working of any department.

The fault, in this connection, does not lie with the hospital authorities, nor does it with the public. The time at the disposal of the authorities as well as the public was only 5 hours, and it was materially impossible to finish the whole job in such a short period.

I, therefore, suggest (a) that the hospital authorities will on several other occasions throw open the doors of their various departments etc. with a time limit from say 10 A.M. to 7 P.M., (b) that they will form batches of the visitors headed by a Guide; (c) that they allow only grown-up persons, that is to say, they would not allow under any circumstances school-going children who had on the last occasion (4th March) created a big row and disturbance; (d) that the hospital authorities would so kindly see their way to assure the public well in advance that such a day for the public visit will be fixed for several occasions as would be deemed advisable by them in the interests of the public, so that the public may not grow impatient to visit the hospitals all on one particular day, but they will thus divide themselves, thus reducing the big public rush on a particular day.

I trust the hospital authorities would consider these suggestions which I have venture to put forth before them, and would try everything in their power to once again give opportunities to the public to view the activities of the various departments of the Hospital.

M. J. MALEGAMVALA.

Treatment For Leprosy

With regard to Dr. L. D. Dhawale's note on the curative action of Hydrocotile Asiatica in cases of leprosy, I would like to bring to the notice of the public that this drug, known in India as Brahmi, Mandookparni, Chooha-ke-knan-ka-patta and sometimes as Saraswati is used both by Aurvedic and Unani practitioners not only against blood-diseases like leprosy, but also against nervous disorders and failure of memory. In the last role it can be used with great benefit on those French people who have conveniently forgotten that East is the pioneer.

G. M. MEHKRI.

Scarcity Of Firewood

People living west of B. B. & C. I. Rly., in the Bassein Taluka find it extremely difficult to get fire-wood this year.

At an interview given to some Indian newspapers on 5th February the Collector of Thana is reported to have stated that the Government have decided to appoint authorised dealers to sell fire-wood to the public.

No steps have been so far taken by the Government to control the prices of fire-wood in this district. This has given a free hand to the contractors to victimise the needy public.

One wonders how long the Collector will take to appoint authorised dealers!

M. M. G.

Greater Bombay Scheme

Three additional Presidency Magistrates are to be appointed in accordance with the "Greater Bombay Scheme". Thus the Chief Presidency Magistrate will have a tremendous task of managing 18 courts, as there are already 15 at present. If an additional Chief be appointed who will act as chief in the northern section, it will simplify matters. Not only will the Chief Presidency Magistrate be relieved of this double burden, but also there will be greater efficiency in the working of the courts.

G. K. DESAI,
Advocate.

No Hope Of More Cloth For People

Millowners Busy Fighting Battle Of Depreciation With Govt.

Mr. Krishnaraj M. D. Thackersey, Chairman of the Textile Control Board, has issued the following statement:—

A large number of statements both official and unofficial on the cloth situation in India have been made in the last few months. Some of these statements have been vague in character, and some others not entirely well-informed. The Statement that I am issuing now is intended to present briefly the situation as it exists in the country to-day.

Cloth in India is produced on both powerlooms and handlooms, and almost the entire production of such cloth is dependent today on the production of yarn spun in Indian textile mills. The weight of yarn so produced has increased from 1,264 million pounds in 1939 to 1,623 million pounds in 1944—a very substantial increase indeed. The quantity of cloth produced out of this yarn is approximately 6,700 million yards per annum. Out of this, 4,800 million yards are today being produced in textile mills, leaving 1,900 million yards to be produced in small powerloom units and on handlooms. If all this cloth were available for distribution in the country to the civilian population, there should be sufficient cloth to enable a distribution of 16.25 yards per capita per annum.

Unfortunately, a very large slice of this production does not reach the civilian consumer, for, out of the total production of cloth, approximately 750 million yards per annum—at one time this reached the figure of 1,000 million yards—are supplied to the Defence Forces, while a maximum quantity of 600 million yards is liable to be exported out of the country.

The Textile Control Board and I have repeatedly brought to the notice of the Government of India the need for a substantial reduction in the quantity of cloth exported from this country.

INFLATION BLAMED

The difficult position thus created regarding cloth has been aggravated by the increase in the demand from large sections of the public that have been provided with the means of buying more and better cloth. In order to ensure a rational distribution of the available supplies, we, i.e., the Textile Control Board and the Government of India, have for the last few months been regulating the movement of cloth from the production centres to the consuming areas. Such distribution has been based roughly on pre-war figures of consumption in each consuming area, a cut proportionate to the total quantity available being applied in each case. The question of revising this basis is now being actively considered.

Improvements in the methods of distribution can, however, only make for a more equitable and expeditious supply of whatever cloth and yarn is now available, though I would emphasise that a Provincial or State Government that failed to make suitable arrangements for the proper distribution of the available cloth and yarn would be doing a grievous wrong. I am convinced that this will not afford a complete answer to the present difficult situation regarding supply of cloth. It is obvious that we should take very urgent measures to increase the overall supply of cloth and of yarn.

NOT TILL GOVT. YIELD

The industry has on more than one occasion brought very forcibly to the notice of the Government of India that the allowance granted to it under depreciation is grossly inadequate and that as an incentive to further production a more reasonable system of depreciation should be adopted by the Government.

The Government of India's attitude in this matter has been unfortunately very discouraging.

All the same I wish to assure the public that at the forthcoming meetings of the Committees of the Textile Control Board, and particularly of its industry's Committee, in the first fortnight of April, this matter of increase in production will be very carefully gone into and all practicable steps to increase production will be considered and immediate and concrete decisions taken towards this end.

SCARCITY IN BENGAL

I am very much pained and distressed at the reports of acute scarcity of cloth in Bengal. These make strange reading in view of the quantities of cloth despatched to Bengal in recent months when coupled with the accounts that I have been and am still receiving of large quantities of cloth and of yarn being immobilised in Calcutta. However, I have no wish to embarrass the Bengal Government authorities and those particularly charged with the administration of the Control of Textiles in that Province: Indeed I am affording every assistance to the Government of India's Textile Commissioner in despatching additional supplies of cloth to Bengal.

NEED OF CONSTANT VIGILANCE

I was very pleased to read this morning the account of the vigorous steps taken by the Control Authorities Calcutta, which apparently have resulted in unearthing fairly large stocks of cloth and of yarn. I very strongly feel that unless constant vigilance is kept over the distribution channels, increase in the total supply receiver in a consuming area will not result in cloth reaching the masses of the country.

MORE LIGHT ON "QUIT INDIA" RESOLUTION

Gandhiji Clarifies His And Congress Position

In the course of a letter dated February 15, New Delhi, Dr. M. C. Davar, Secretary General, United Party of India asked Mahatma Gandhi to clarify the following points:—

1. Whether the "Quit India" resolution was consistant with the principal of Ahimsa and Truth.

2. If it was based on Truth and Ahimsa, did you realise any portion of success from this or from your historic Linlithgow Fast. As you achieved a certain amount of success after your fasts and Satyagrahas.

In reply to Louis Fischer about the Civil Disobedience movement when he put you the following question:

"In case your impending civil disobedience movement develops a violent phase, as it has sometimes in past years, would you call it off? You have done that before." You observed, "it would be incorrect to say that no circumstances might arise in which I would call off the movement. That was necessary for my own training and for the training of my collaborators. But I would not believe as I have in the past."

3. Was not it a sure indication that before August 1942 Satyagraha Movement, your mind was not so firm as it was in the past about the principle of Ahimsa?

4. Whatn't it an indication to the lovers of your creed that Freedom of the country was nearer to your heart than Ahimsa?

5. Don't you think that this slight decrease in your life long faith which was unshakable by the mightiest volcanos and severest storms in the past that you did not achieve your desired end and don't you thing that this decrease in faith was responsible for the direct counter-violence which some of your so near associates took to?

Mahatma's Reply

In reply to the above letter Mr. Narhari Parikh wrote:—

Sevagram, Feb. 28, 1945.

"Dear Friend,

Yours of 15th inst. Gandhiji writes in reply to your questions:

1. "Quit India" resolution so called is wholly consistant with Ahimsa and Truth. I hope you see nothing wrong in the phase.

2. There was no question of success partly or wholly resulting from the mere phase or the resolution itself.

Evidently you have not studied the correspondence that led to the fast. It was wholly aimed at the misdeeds of the Government.

The fast had great results. You should study the whole event. You should also know that a Satyagrahi is never attached to results. His acts, great or small, have their own worth.

My reply to Louis Fischer is complete. As years rolled on people knew that my words carried what they meant. Therefore, I said I might not call off the movement in future even if there was violence. My trial never came. For I was arrested before I could start the movement.

3. Certainly not.

4. You are quite wrong. I would never put Freedom or anything before Ahimsa and Truth.

5. It is clear to me that you have only superficially studied the movement as also Ahimsa.

Gandhiji observes silence, and the above is a copy of what he has written down.

COURT CAUSERIE

BY "NESTOR"

A WARNING TO THE SENIOR BAR

With a view to ensure a more equitable distribution of work among Senior and Junior members of the Bar, some enterprising juniors approached the Chief Justice last year with a proposal for the division of the Original Side Bar into Seniors and Juniors, on the lines of the King's Counsel system prevalent in England. The Chief Justice was sympathetic, and so these optimistic young men went ahead and had a Memorial drafted in which the details of the system were worked out and the necessary amendments to the Bar Council Act formulated.

Pointing out that a similar system had been adopted by the Federal Court at Delhi, the Memorial suggested that any member of the Original Side Bar of ten years' standing should, if he so chose, be given the option to apply to be enrolled as a Senior Advocate and if he so got himself enrolled, would have precedence over Junior Advocates. There were, however, to be disabilities attached to that honour so as to leave a certain class of work exclusively for Juniors. It was suggested by this Memorial that Senior Advocates could not draw pleadings, but could only settle them. Secondly, it was suggested that they could not appear alone and without a Junior Advocate appearing with them, except in matters under Rs. 5,000, that being the limit fixed by the High Court itself upto which Judges had the power to quantify costs. Lastly, it was suggested that Senior Counsels could not appear in Chambers, unless a matter was difficult or complicated and the Judge adjourned it into court on that ground, in which case Senior Counsel could appear in it along with a Junior. The Memorial also drafted out the necessary amendments in the Bar Councils Act so as to effect the division of the Bar into Senior Counsel and Junior Counsel, and to regulate their precedence. There would be local amendments permissible under the Government of India Act and would, in the present circumstances, be effected by a Governor's Act.

It was proposed to get this Memorial signed by an overwhelming number of members of the Original Side Bar and to forward it to the Chief Justice. The signature of Advocate-General, Mr. Engineer, was obtained to the Memorial. But the optimistic young men who sponsored this move were soon disillusioned. Much to their regret they found that Senior Counsel were loathe to release any part of their work for their struggling junior brethren. One or other of them objected to one or other of the disabilities imposed upon Senior Advocates in the proposed scheme. The whole thing fell through and has, we understand, been virtually abandoned, but not without far reaching repurcussions on the future of the Bar.

The Dual System of Solicitors and advocates functioning on the Original Side of our High Court is itself an imperfect importation from England. Without being qualified by the "King's Counsel System", it works very harshly on Junior Members of the Bar. If Seniors will not allow these Juniors even a decent Rs. 200/- a month, when the question of the abolition of the Dual System crops up again, as we believe it must, the entire weight of the Junior Bar will be thrown in favour of such abolition, so as to prevent Senior Members of the Bar from making Rs. 20,000 a month, which they cannot do in a unitary system which will not permit them to hold briefs in three Courts on the same day, as they now do.

THE GULLIBILITY OF YOUTH

"Wine and youth are fire upon fire", is a maxim many years old. However, the intemperance of modern youth is not restricted to wine. But for the fact that there is a slump in the world of literature today, we should have had a more modern version of the old maxim—something like "the Race-Course and youth are waste upon waste." How wasteful youth is ensnared by Marwari money-lenders, was illustrated in a recent case which came up before our Court of Appeal. A young man of 28, the son of wealthy parents, whose debts at their face value amounted to Rs. 2,50,000 was driven to insolvency. When examined by the Official Assignee he had stated that he was not doing any business at the time, but used to live with his father who gave him some pocket expense. He used to go to the races for the last ten years, but did not bet, till in June 1941 a financial broker whom he had come to know, induced him to do so. His story was that though he had given promissory notes for Rs. 2,50,000 to money-lenders, he had actually received only Rs. 80,000 and that all these debts were incurred to pay losses on the race-course. Towards the end, he sometimes used to put Rs. 10,000 on one horse, and on the average, his betting was about Rs. 30,000 on a race day. His creditors used to come to the race-course and knew all about this betting. Taking a charitable view of it as a case of "a gullible young man, unusually foolish," the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Chagla very rightly confirmed the order discharging him from insolvency, on the ground that scandalous as was the conduct of this young man, it did not seem to them that the conduct of his creditors was any better.

THE ANNUAL BAR DINNER

At their Annual Dinner at the Taj, the Original Side Bar of our High Court honoured four of its distinguished members—Mr. N. P. Engineer, who has just been appointed Advocate-General of India, Mr. Justice Bhagwati, newly-elected to the Bench; Mr. C. K. Daphtary, who steps into the shoes of Mr. Engineer as Advocate-General of Bombay, and Mr. D. N. Bahadurji, a former Acting Advocate-General of Bombay who has just completed fifty years of practice in the High Court. Drinking to the honour and unity of the Bar, the new Advocate-General of India observed that the claims of the Bombay Bar had too long been neglected by New Delhi. That is verily so, for the Government of India seems so far to have drawn on Bengal alone for almost all the lawyers it needs. While not disputing that appointments must be made purely on merits irrespective of regional considerations, the Bombay Bar, looking to its strength and its calibre, has reason to feel aggrieved at the very casual attention which the Government of India pays to it at long intervals.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

KARACHI, March 25.

It is understood that a proposal to set up a Board of Advisers to help the Sind Ministry is being considered by the Government which is likely to pilot a Bill through the Assembly giving the Advisors legal status. The names of Dr. Hemandas Wadhwani and Rao Sahib Gokaldas, former Hindu Ministers, are being mentioned for the new posts and their salary will be about Rs. 1,500. If the proposal materialises, the ministerialist feel that it would weaken the opposition to the Hidayatullah Cabinet.

—A. P. I.

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According to a British student leader the aim of all British Socialists is to secure unity between the people of the East and West.

That unity was secured long ago. The present problem is that of preserving and perpetuating it as Mr. Winston Churchill has been repeatedly emphasising in his own inimitably majestic language.

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"One thing", says the "Sunday Times" of London, "is certain. There will be no British-made constitution for India. Indian people must fashion their own with British help and approval."

On the basis of British-made conditions and, as a second assurance against unforseen contingencies, subject to British "approval".

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A Muslim Leaguer is reported to have stated in the Assam Assembly that the All-Party Government proposal had been referred to the Muslim League High Command.

And, apparently, the Muslim League High Command will grant approval deciding to take no more risks with the principle of hanging on to office.

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Latest inquiries, says a Shillong message, reveal that the membership of the Congress Coalition and Independent Muslim Party has reached 56 in a House of 107.

That means that the membership of the Muslim League Coalition and the European Group has now been reduced to a minority.

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Mr. Syed, the Sind League leader will, he insists, countenance no All-Party Government if it involves a Coalition with the Moula Bux Group who are non-Leaguers

It was, however, quite in order to have such a Coalition in order to defeat the Hidayatullah Ministry and even to give certain assurances to Haji Moula-Bux.

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But, of course, circumstances have changed. What with the Qaid-e-Azam's telegram, Sir Ghulam Husain's last—for the time being—somersault and Mr. Syed's "unconditional surrender".

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The London "Observer's" Diplomatic Correspondent reports that "Turkey is nervous over the new Russian demarche....."

What else could poor Dardanelles-ridden Turkey be?

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The San Francisco Conference is, we understand to be bestowed the official title of the "United Nations Conference on International Organisation".

Which is slightly unrealistic. It ought to be known as the "United Nations Conference on Big Four Organisation".

"Cleaner Bombay Campaign"

Mr. N. B. Parulekar, Public Relations Officer, Bombay Municipal Congress Party, 157-61, Princess Street, Bombay 2, writes:—

"Most of the idle rich suffer unspeakable freedom as the price of their freedom from drudgery. To begun with, it fills a good many hour of the day without the need of deciding what one shall do. Most people, when they are left free to fill their own time according to their own choice, are at a loss to think of anything sufficiently pleasant to be worth doing", says Prof. Bertrand Russell. Have you this experience? If so, have you the will to utilise such time in a most pleasant work in serving your people? Then you will do well in offering to join the "Cleaner Bombay Campaign" Squad for visiting house-to-house occupants and educating them to observe sanitary habits. They need and would welcome your services. Do not, please, hesitate to communicate with me.

Spanish Airbase For U. S.

MADRID March 23, (Reuter): The United States has concluded an agreement with Spain under which it will build, near Madrid, an airfield to be used by aircraft supplying liberated European cities.

CALCUTTA, March 26, (U. P. I.): Sir Abdyl Halim Ghuznavi, M. L. A., (Central), has been elected President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta.

RAISMAN PREPARED TO FACE ANY COMMITTEE

SAYS INDIA'S SHARE OF DEFENCE EXPENDITURE IS LESS THAN HALF

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mination. The great test of the sincerity of the professions of British and American politicians regarding democracy and the well-being of the world would be their attitude towards India. He asked Allied statesmen whether there could be stable peace with the 400,000,000 people of India in bondage.

Referring to Finance Bill he said that if it stood by itself, it would have received his full support because it did not impose any taxation. But the Finance Bill was intimately connected with borrowing and inflation and was also indirectly connected with question of India's freedom. Therefore, he felt it his duty to oppose it.

Dr. Bannerjee reiterated his demand for a modification of the Finance settlement of 1940 on a fair, just and equitable basis, and for fixing India's defence expenditure at Rs. 250 crores a year.

He further reiterated his demand made last year, that a committee on national expenditure on the lines of the similar body appointed in England should be appointed in this country.

Dr. Bannerjee said that scarcity of cloth prevailed throughout India but most acutely in Bengal. He urged that Government should place the quota for Bengal on the same level as other provinces. He drew attention to the shortage of yarn in Bengal, which, he said, had resulted in the unemployment of 80 per cent of the handloom weavers.

HYDARI MISSION

As regards the Hydari Mission, Dr. Bannerjee said that Mr. Tyson (European Group) claimed that India could, with great benefit to herself, import five times £60 million worth of consumer goods. It was believed that the Hydari mission had arranged for the importation of consumer goods to this value.

The Finance Member: The belief is entirely unfounded. Dr. Bannerjee concluded that the best remedy was to increase production within India and import capital goods and such consumer goods as were not produced in India at all or were produced in insufficient quantities.

NO SECRET AGREEMENT

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Deputy Leader of the Muslim League Party, refuted the suggestion made by Dr. N. B. Khare that the stock of the Muslim League had gone down and that was why there was a change in their attitude. He said that the policy of the League had been the same in regard to the Finance Bill since 1941. The stock of the Muslim League, if any thing, was higher today than it was before.

Referring to Dr. Khare's "cock and bull story of some alleged secret agreement" between himself and the Leader of the Opposition the Nawabzada said: "MR. PRESIDENT, I MUST SAY MOST EMPHATICALLY IT IS AN ABSOLUTE FABRICATION. There cannot be any secret agreement between two individuals who are not political orphans as honourable members of the Executive Council are, but who are members of the two most powerful All-India organisations in this country. If there is to be any agreement with regard to the Hindu-Muslim settlement or constitutional question it can only be between the Congress and the Muslim League."

Mr. A. M. Dam: Has any agreement been made?

The Nawabzada replied he hoped that the interruptor would look up a dictionary and find out the meaning of the words "absolute fabrication."

A voice: It is good.

NO MAKE-BELIEVE UNITY

Referring to Dr. Khare's observation that there was a make-believe unity on the opposition side, the Nawabzada said: "He is absolutely wrong. We are not so ignorant of the position as he would imagine us to be. We know that differences between the Congress and the League still exist but it does not mean that because of our differences we should go into different lobbies in the House even with regard to those matters which are for the benefit of the people of India as a whole. Differences should not mean that we cannot take into consideration those measures and proposals which are designed for the benefit of the country at large. We are not here to be exploited by the Congress and the Congress is not here to be exploited by us. We are here to serve the people of India. We are here to do whatever we can under the present constitution for the benefit of the people at large. When we vote in the same lobby that is the consideration with us and there is no other consideration."

The Nawabzada went on to say that it had been stated by the Executive Councillors that by sticking to their jobs they had advanced the cause of Indian freedom."

The Nawabzada commented caustically on Dr. Khare's claims in regard to the achievements of his Department and referred to Sir Sultan Ahmed's statement that by sticking to their jobs members of the Executive Council had advanced India's freedom. The Nawabzada thought that the members of the Treasury Benches were deceiving themselves if they believed that all the assistance given by India to the war effort was due to their sitting on those benches.

NATIONAL ARMY

The War Secretary had stated that the right type of Indians were not coming forward for officers' posts especially in the Air Force, the Nawabzada asked if the members of the House realised that this statement meant that preparation was being made by the British to deprive India of her freedom. Whether it was one India or two Indias, India could not be without her own national army and there could be no army without officers.

Commenting on the Finance Member's administration, the Nawazada said that any man in the Finance Member's position would not have been able to satisfy India even if she was free. When she was not free the suspicion was natural despite every effort the Finance Member had made that he had not been able to do his best. But the Nawabzada added: "Do not care about the criticism. If you believe that you have done your duty honestly and your conscience is clear, I think that satisfaction is a sufficient reward for all your services."

Sir J. P. Srivastava: Does that not apply to Indian members (loud laughter).

The Nawabzada replied that when the present Indian members of the Council were politically dead he would deliver their funeral oration (laughter)

Sir Jawala Prasad: It is a long time yet.

Referring to Sir Jeremy's remarks that some people took a detached view of the war, the Nawabzada said it was because the Government failed to take an attached view. The Muslim League, however, was clear. It realised the seriousness of the war and in 1940, when the Government here was complacent, the League drew its attention and that of H.M.G. that the resources of the country must be mobilised in full for the defence of India. The League was not against war effort and he condemned the Government who "got into the habit of beating the Congress and the Muslim League with the same stick. This is a dishonest attitude."

Replying to Dr. Khare's interruption that the League asked the Punjab Premier to leave the National Defence Council, the Nawabzada said that it was not possible for the League which represented hundred million Mussalmans to take up responsibility without a real share in the authority and power in the governance of the country.

ONE INDIA OR TWO INDIAS

Referring to India's representation at the San Francisco Conference, the Nawabzada referred to Sir Olaf Caroe's statement in which he said that one party did not show enthusiasm for war effort and whether the other party would represent one India or two Indias and asked: "I want to know which India do these two gentlemen represent."

Sir Jwala Prasad: One India.

The Nawabzada replied: "India which exists has not been represented at this conference. India that is represented is the India that is kept with the help of British bayonets."

He added: "Let me tell you that the world to-day is wiser. These gentlemen may have been passed off as India's representatives a few years ago but to-day everybody knows. I am not lowering their position but I do want the world to know that the agreement which may be signed or any arrangement that may be made by these two representatives is not an agreement which India is going to accept unless it is an agreement which is approved of by the people of this country."

The Nawabzada condemned the Food Department where, he said, corruption and nepotism prevailed. He challenged the Government to appoint an impartial committee of the House to scrutinise the working of the Department.

Concluding, the Nawabzada emphasised that Muslims stood for the undiluted freedom of India and Pakistan meant freedom for all.

Declare India Free

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Congress Party, said that the issue on which he asked the vote on this occasion was the issue of India's freedom. He referred to the San Francisco Conference and said that "if any genuine friend of ours, any genuine representative of ours went to that conference, the first and foremost thing that he will do there will be this: He will first demand that he will not remain there unless and until India was recognised and declared by Britain by her own free will as an independent country.

Great issues, Mr. Bhulabhai was told, would be decided in that conference. The world, however, might know that there was nothing to be lost so long as India's true representatives as free people were in that place. In his message to the Allied arms that crossed the Rhine, Mr. Churchill said: "May God prosper our arms in the world adventure after our long struggle for King and country, for dear life and for freedom of mankind". "For freedom of mankind, indeed"! exclaimed Mr. Bhulabhai adding: "Could he ever have said that with his hand on his conscience if he had known, as he knows too well, that we have been made to fight and we have asked to fight in the name of freedom of mankind? Unless we are recognised as men I suppose there is no freedom for us? That is the fight for freedom of mankind. We have got to fight the war without men, money and resources but whose war and for whose benefit? For the freedom of mankind! then I am a man. I proclaim myself and I proclaim to my country, and I want any one of those gentlemen there to get up and say that I am not a man, that we are not men and we do not deserve freedom.

"Let us have no shibboleths. Let us be true. I hope the honourable the Leader of the House will flash a message outside this country that what Mr. Churchill is stating is untrue because this is not a fight for the freedom of mankind."

Mr. Bhulabhai went on to say that supposing we went and asked the conference for whose security they were going to make the world peaceful? If they were going to make the world peaceful in order that England and America and Russia and perhaps China (about which he was very dobtful) were going to be free countries, and it was for that India had fought and bled and was asked to gloat over the victories, we could not do so. "Having made us fight for our freedom," he said, "they cannot at the end of it say that it is not a war in which we can get our freedom."

Mr. Bhulabhai added that the position was that if they went to the San Francisco Conference, they should only go there as free men because then only their share in fashioning world security would be rich.

CONGRESS DEMAND FOR WAR AIMS

Mr. Bhulabhai said that he made no apology for restating his case. He referred to the Congress demand for a statement of war aims and said: "The object was to find out whether at the end of the second war we were going to be exactly in the same place of subjection as we were at the end of the First War, which was also fought for the freedom of smaller nations. We had experience before and, indeed, we were cautious enough to find out where we stood!

"After the last," he said, "we were taken to Geneva and after having signed the Peace Treaty on the second day by the then supposed representatives of the Indian people, a proclamation came from London that of the questions that would be brought before the Geneva meeting the only questions would be between two independent States and not between independent States and Dependencies. That was the language which the Secretary for External Affairs used. He said: "You have assisted us in the war, and therefore you go as separate people." Sir Olaf Caroe said: "Well, you have not participated in the war; you cannot be our partners." Mr. Bhulabhai went on to say: "We have that experience before and, indeed, we were cautious enough to find out where we stood. If you want to fight the war, get money from your own country and fight it, but don't exact it from me and expect me to be proud of it. The victory message (Mr. Churchill's message) is the victory for your freedom and my subjection, it is a victory message in which, as men, you could not be proud."

Referring to Sir Henry Richardson's speech Mr. Bhulabhai said if they, the Europeans in India, "represent any interest that is anything like India their place is with us and not against us."

The Finance Member, Sir Jeremy Raisman, replying to the debate recalled that in reply to a similar debate last year he asked friends opposite whether they were agreed on anything further than voting down the Finance Bill. He still found himself wondering whether one might hope that this stage of deadlock and frustration would give way to something more satisfactory from the point of view of everybody in this country.

Speaking as an official he must admit it was no pleasure, it was not a congenial task to have to carry on one's duties in the atmosphere which now existed, and whatever might be said about his colleagues, he for one was conscious that without their courage and self-sacrifice the business of Government, which after all must be carried on for 400 millions of people, could not have been carried on and he did not know what at this moment would take the place of the present Government. He was prepared to agree that self-government was better than good government, but he thought there was a prior axiom, namely, that Government was better than no Government. Speaking as an administrator, the simple fact from which he could not get away was that at no time in the last few critical years had there been an option other than between no Government and Government. If he was wrong he would apologise.

FINANCING THE WAR

Speaking of defence expenditure, he said, Financing of the war could not be made so plain and clear as to appeal to the intelligence of the ordinary man; and when in addition there were certain sections in this country whose whole object was to discredit the Government and to attempt by insinuation and innuendo to convey the impression that everything was 'mala fide', there was no answer to it.

Mr. Manu Subedar represented in himself the essence of the attitude of distortion, travesty and misrepresentation which it was the Finance Member's duty to defend this Government against.

Inflation was an inevitable accompaniment of war (A voice. No.) There were means of counteracting it; it was a hard and difficult task; it could only be accomplished by people who accepted extremely unpleasant but inevitable sacrifices during the war.

NON-COOPERATION

It could not be done in any country in which there were a large number of people who went about saying: "You must not co-operate with Government; you must resist any attempt on their part to enlist your co-operation; you must not lend them your money; you must not submit to controls."

Nobody could be more grieved than himself that during his period of office this degree of inflation and the miseries attendant on it should have been inflicted on the people of this country. But if he had to appear at any time before a tribunal of competent and critical judges and was asked what he had to say in his own defence, he would reply on the lines of what he had said above and in addition ask the tribunal to read the debates in the House during his period of office, particularly the censure to which he was subjected because in the course of a Savings Drive it was suggested that methods used amounted to compulsion. He would also draw the Tribunal's attention to the fact that every Finance Bill of was thrown out.

Dealing with Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan's references, the Finance Member said in his own conscience he was satisfied and he was prepared to meet any committee and answer all the questions which might be asked of him. His conscience was perfectly clear and in that, at any rate, he was happy.

The Finance Member giving figures of His Majesty's Government's share of the total Defence Expenditure in India said his impression was that taking the last six years, India's share of the total was less than half.

The Finance Member made a detailed explanation of the Lease-Lend position and said that in 1943 an endeavour was made to enter into a formal agreement without subscribing to any formula which might affect India's post-war fiscal policy but this was deemed to conflict with Article Seven of the Mutual Aid Agreement and the negotiations were consequently dropped. So we continued to receive Lease-Lend supplies and continued to grant reciprocal aid without any formal agreement with the U. S. A., and that was the position today.

The Finance Member pointed out that there would inevitably be some reduction in the price level and that would apply very definitely to agricultural prices. He did not think that the price of wheat in the Punjab for instance, could be maintained at anything like the present level.

"KIND WORDS"

Referring to the "kind words" uttered about him, the Finance Member said he had endeavoured to carry out his duties. He had endeavoured to follow policies which he thought would be most advantageous to the country.

He realised many unhappy things had occurred during his stewardship. He believed he had done his utmost to mitigate them.

The Finance Member felt that voting down of the Finance Bill would shortly become a time-honoured institution as some of the most ancient customs of Parliament (laughter). In fact, he suggested, if the Finance Bill were passed at this stage it would have caused some embarrassment; but perhaps it was unnecessary to contemplate that improbable eventually. (More laughter).

The Finance Member was cheered by all sections of the House as he sat down. The motion for consideration of the bill was pressed to a division and rejected by 58 votes to 50.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

WHO PILOTED NICHOLS?

What Neogy Said On That 'Offending Book' In Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 26 (A.P.I.): Mr. K. C. Neogy, M.L.A. (Central) in a statement says:—

"I desire to remove a misapprehension that may result from the report of certain observations made by me by way of interruption in the speech of Mr. Frank Anthony in the Legislative Assembly dealing with Mr. Beverley Nichols' Book.

The report circulated in the press is to the effect that I made a statement that Nichols was piloted here for some time by Dr. Spears, and that the latter had supplied paper for the book. As a matter of fact I wanted to know from the honourable Member for Information and Broadcasting whether he was aware that Dr. Spears, who was an officer of his department and Government Whip in the Assembly, actually piloted Beverley Nichols at Delhi during his stay here.

As regards the point about paper, I merely made the enquiry as to how Nichols could get the necessary supplies of paper. The offending book has been printed and published at Bombay in very large numbers, and the Government Department that controls paper supplies should make a clear statement explaining how it is possible for a book of this description to be printed in thousands in these days of paper shortage".

Soong And Koo As Chinese Delegates

CHUNGKING, March 26 (Reuter). China will be represented at the San Francisco Conference by ten delegates, including the Foreign Minister Mr. T. V. Soong, the Ambassador in London, Doctor Wellington Koo and the Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Concil, Mr. Wang Hung-Hui.

BRITAIN LOSES HALF HER BIG LINERS

LONDON, March 26. (Globe): About half of Britain's liners—ships of 1,600 tons and upwards—have been lost in the war; that is, about 4,750,000 tons, revealed the annual report of the Liverpool Steamship-Owners' Association issued to-day. . .

It is reported that the United States will pool 2,500 surplus ships under agreement with Britain

VAN MOOK SPEAKS OUT

NEW YORK, March 26 (U.P.A.) "Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, the acting Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, said recently in a speech in London "Officials who believe in the Chinese saying, 'All men are brothers' are the ones most desireable for assignment to the Far East. The day when any whiteman in Asia was a Baron has drawn to a close and the sooner the fact is recogised, the better."

BERLIN ON EVE OF DOOM

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON March 26.

That the people of Berlin cannot hold out another month without collapsing, is the opinion of an artist of Swedish birth who has just returned to Sweden from Germany. He says that the population of Berlin is in a state bordering on Dementia under strain and fear of incessant air attacks. They are simply unable to grasp the position and are merely waiting with dull fatalism and apathy for the inevitable end. Many thousands of Berliners have given way under the strain and been taken away in a demented condition.

The artist had been in Dresden and describes the devastation there which is worse than any other city affected by war. He has been told by people who had seen Stalingrad and other terribly demolished cities that Dresden holds the record. Nothing habitable remains except the new small suburbs. Thousands of unburied dead lie in the ruins and stench becomes worse daily. A start has been made to surround this horrible wilderness by a high wall. No one dares drink water in this City of Death and pestilence is feared as weather grows more spring-like. Latest estimated number of dead in Dresden is between 300,000 and 400,000. The homeless number nearly 600,000.

The Berlin Correspondent of the Swedish newspaper, "Dietat", after visiting Germany's western front, is profoundly impressed by the multitude of placards and proclamations displayed immediately behind the battle zones warning military and civilian deserters. He saw the body of a German soldier executed for looting and nearby a poster recording the name of the director of a Government office shot for abandoning his post.

TURKO-SOVIET RELATIONS

Ankara Consul-General In India Says There Is No Change

BOMBAY, March 26, (U.P.I.) "There is no change in the relationship between Turkey and Soviet Russia. The Turkish Government will negotiate and conclude a treaty of friendship with the Russian Government at a future date."

Thus observed Bay H. H. Anil, Consul-General for Turkey in India, in an interview with the United Press today on the termination of the Soviet-Turkey Pact as notified recently by the Soviet Government.

The Turkish people, Bay Anil added, always held the Russians in high esteem and it was the Turkish Government which first recognised the U.S.S.R. in 1920.

Explaining the Turkish policy in joining the war, the Consul-General said that Turkey's place had been with the Allies from the beginning of the world conflict. "It was on England's advice" he said, "that Turkey observed complete neutrality and signed a treaty of alliance with Germany in 1941." If Turkey were to openly declare war against the Axis Powers, particularly at the critical time when France was defeated by the powerful Nazi forces, the German Armies would have definitely overrun Turkey and Dardanelles and occupied the Persian Oilfields he said.

Referring to the forthcoming World Security Conference at San Francisco, Bay Anil said that though opinion was divided about the same, the majority in Turkey had acclaimed it with great interest.

Asked about the attitude of the Turkish public towards India, the Turkish Consul-General said that the Turkish people were very sympathetic with the aspirations of the Indian people for independence.

INDIAN EDITORS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 26.

Three representatives of the All-India Editors' Conferences and two journalists belonging to Government of India will accompany India's delegation to San Francisco Conference.

Newspaper Editors' Conference has been invited to select its representatives.

I may add that Indian delegation will first go to London to attend the Dominion Conference which opens on April 4.

The Indian Journalists will go direct to U. S. A. to reach San Francisco in time for the Conference which opens on April 21.

Red Army's Race To Vienna

New Large-Scale Attack Towards Hungarian Border

LONDON, Monday. (Reuter): Three Soviet Marshals—Fedor Tolbukhin, Rodion Malinovsky, and Ivan Koniev—are advancing towards the Austrian border and Vienna in a four-way drive, which is less than 35 miles from the frontier at one point, according to reports from Moscow and Berlin to-night.

Marshal Tolbukhin's offensive, announced two days ago, is aimed north-west from the area between lake Balaton and the Danube, while Marshal Malinovsky pressing west along the south bank of the Danube, is moving his troops almost at right angles to Marshal Tolbukhin's army.

A big drive by the northern wing of Marshal Malinovsky's forces on the river Hron in Czechoslovakia, vital German water barrier east of Bratislava and the Austrian border, which has carried them across at one point, was reported by Colonel Von Hammer the German News Agency military correspondent to-day.

"At 4 a.m. yesterday morning the Russians launched a large-scale attack on the lower Hron towards the Hungarian—Slovak border", he said. Moscow is still silent on this new attack north of the Danube.

A fourth threat to Vienna, although somewhat more remote, is presented by Marshal Koniev, who is fighting to break through the Moravian gap on the upper Silesia—Czechoslovak border. Once through this gap the Red Army could drive south to Vienna or west to Prague.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Reuter's Special Correspondent writes:

With the Red Army only three days march at normal speed from the Austrian border, Marshal Tolbukhin's tanks are in the van of the race to Vienna. They are now butting into much more stubborn resistance, however, and the Germans may be expected to fight for every yard of ground from now on.

Marshal Tolbukhin and Marshal Malinovsky have already achieved much in systematic destruction of the German forces barring their road to the west. Two spearheads of tanks, motorised infantry and mobile guns reaching out towards Vienna are something the Germans did not bargain for when they allowed their armoured strength to be whittled away in the recent series of counter-attacks in the Balaton sector.

MALINOVSKY 70 MILES FROM BUDAPEST

MOSCOW, Monday. (Reuter): Marshal Stalin in an order of the day to-night announced that Marshal Malinovsky's forces captured Banska—Bystrica in Czechoslovakia, seventy miles north of Budapest.

JAIRAMDAS DOULATRAM TO BE RELEASED

Sind Govt. Announces Amnesty For All Congress Detenus

Karachi, March 26. (A.P.I.) All Congress detenus including Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram, Member of the Congress Working Committee, except those who have been detained in connection with the terrorist activities, will be released before March 28. This was announced by Mr. Nichaldas C. Vazirani Revenue Minister, in the Sind Assembly today.

APPEAL FOR CONGRESS-LEAGUE SETTLEMENT

An appeal to the Congress and Muslim League High Commands to give freedom to the two political organisations in Sind to come to a settlement in view of the special circumstances prevailing in the province was made by Syed Abdul Majid. (Independent Muslim) in the Sind Assembly to-day when he moved a one-rupee cut motion against the demand under General Administration.

Shaikh Abdul Majid said that the working of provincial autonomy in the past eight years had shown that the conditions in the province would not improve unless a stable ministry was obtained. To attain the desired stability it was absolutely necessary that the League and the Congress should come to a settlement. He added that these political organisations should relieve their parties in this province of certain obligations which were ordinarily placed upon other provincial parties and organisations.

CONGRESS POSITION

Clarifying the position of the Congress Party, Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, leader of the party, said that his party had gone out of the way to offer support to an all-party Government without previously consulting the High Command. The offer was made because the Congress party felt that only an all-party Government could cope up with the serious situation in Sind. The offer was rejected by Mr. G. M. Syed, President of the Sind Muslim League.

Mr. Sidhwa strongly repudiated the charges recently levelled against the Congressmen in Sind by Khan Bahadur Mir Ghulam Ali, Home Minister, that "the Hur Movement is the result of Congress activities". Mr. Sidhwa challenged the Home Minister to prove his statement and added To charge Congress with having connections with the Hur Movement is nothing but mischief that the Home Minister has made to suit his purpose of strengthening his ministry.

Home Minister. "Every word of mine is correct."

Mr. Sidhwa: "You are implicating us because you thought we might defeat you."

Mr Sidhwa said that the Congress party would remain neutral if the one-rupee cut motion was pressed to a division for they did not want to be a party to the making and breaking of ministries in Sind.

"With All Due Respect..."

"Leave East Indians In Their Own Country"

NEW YORK, March 25. (Globe): A New York Herald-Tribune correspondent, discussing the lifting of immigration bars to Indians, says: "To bring in 100 Indians yearly would cause some of our missionary-minded citizens to become active in trying to have their families join them and in the end we would have a much larger group than we now anticipate. With all due respect to East Indians, let us leave them in their own country".

GAZDER AND ABDUL MAJID TO BE MINISTERS?

KARACHI, March 26 (U.P.I.)—It can now be safely stated that the present League-Hindu Independent Coalition Ministry has come to stay.

It appears that the Ministry is being enlarged to nine Ministers. Rao Sahib Gokuldas, Sheikh Abdul Majid and Mr. M. H. Gazdar are being appointed additional Ministers. Similarly Dr. Hemandas Wadhwani is being appointed an adviser along with a few others.

The Congress attitude, it is reported, is to demoralise the Opposition. It appears in the end Khan Bahadur Moula Baksh will be left in the lurch with a few members in the Opposition.

GUNS AND SPEARS IN VILLAGE FIGHT

2 Killed And 300 Involved In Disturbance

GORAKHPUR, March 26. (A.P.I.) Two persons were killed and several others were injured in a free fight between two parties of zemindars in the village of Oudhpur in police circle Chauri Chaura over the harvesting of a crop under dispute. About 300 persons were involved in the disturbance. While lathis and spears were freely used, one of the parties used two guns. A number of persons have been arrested.

ACTION AGAINST "BLITZ"

City Journalists To Consider At To-morrow's Meeting

BOMBAY, March 26. (U.P.I.): Under the auspices of the Bombay Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, a meeting of the editors and journalists in the City has been called to consider the action taken by the Bombay Government against the "Blitz" on Wednesday the 28th March at 5-30 p.m. in the hall of the Journalists' Association Club, Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road, Bombay.

The Journalists' Association of India has been asked to join the protest meeting

CAIRO, March 26. (Globe): Egyptian film censorship is being tightened-up. Scenes that show "immoral" dancing in night-clubs and other centres of entertainment will be banned.

Milk is children's ideal food which makes them strong and keeps them healthy. Milk obtained for children under the subsidised milk distribution scheme must be given to the children for whom it is meant. It must not be used for tea or coffee or any other household purpose.

Good milk is available in Bombay City at cheap rates for children below ten years.

If you have not obtained a milk ration card for your child, do so now, by applying at your Ward Rationing Office.

AGRICULTURE MUST BE DEVELOPED ON MORE SCIENTIFIC LINES

Abdul Qayum Advocates Public Ownership Of Heavy Industry And Big Utility Services

NAGPUR, March 25 (A. P. I.): The need of establishing in this country our own big plants for ship-building, for the manufacture of automobiles, aircraft and chemicals was urged by Mr. Abdul Qaiyum, M.L.A. (Central) in his presidential address at the sixth session of the All-India Motor Union's Congress held here to-day.

The address was read by Sheikh Hissamuddin, President of the All-India Motor Union, as Mr. Abdul Qaiyum could not leave Delhi on account of the voting of the Finance Bill in the Central Assembly.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum said, "We cannot afford to depend on foreign sources for our cars and busses. The villages have to be linked up with markets in the towns and manufacturing centres which in turn must be linked up with the ports.

"We are looking forward to the development of agriculture in India on more scientific lines. We have to organise, improve and develop our cottage industries and give the much needed relief to our peasants who form the bulk of the population."

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum advocated public ownership of the heavy industry and big utility services and said only a National Government could protect and appreciate the interests of the people.

There is not only ample room for railways and motor cars, Mr. Abdul Qaiyum said, but also for horse-drawn and bullock-drawn vehicles which are still very necessary for the smooth running of rural economy.

"We have got to make our roads in such a way that there should be no duplication or competition with the railways. The road system and the railway system must act as auxiliaries and they must merge into one harmonious whole."

Dr. Syed Mahmud inaugurated the Congress.

Morrison On Labour Plan For General Election

LONDON (Saturday) (Reuter): The Home Secretary Mr. Herbert Morrison told the London Labour Party Conference to-day that Labour would fight the General Election as an independent political party. If there was not, he said, an adequate degree of agreement on the supervision of monopolies and economic controls to prevent inflation, the issue must be fought out and the people at the polls must settle whether they are going forward to economic looseness or even anarchy or whether there was to be a settled state of affairs.

CONDITIONS OF WORKING JOURNALISTS

CALCUTTA, March 25 (U.P.)—At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Indian Journalists Association held at the India Coffee House, College Square, under the presidency of Mr. B. Sen Gupta, the recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed to enquire into the conditions of the working journalists were adopted with minor modifications.

The Council approved of the steps taken by the Ramananda Memorial Sub-Committee to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Ramananda Chatterjee and sanctioned Rs. 200/- for a portrait of Mr. Chatterjee.

Mr. B. Sen Gupta, President for the Memorial Fund, informed the members that the collections so far amounted to Rs. 5,000 and stated that Rs. 20,000 would be necessary for creating a Chair of Journalism after the name of Mr. Ramananda Chatterjee in the Calcutta University.

Mr. K. P. Thomas, Editor, "Orient Illustrated Weekly" was at home to the President and members of the Executive Council at the Coffee House.

Sikhs Opposed To Partition

Want Free And United India With Full Security Of Rights

LAHORE, March 25. (O.P.I.): "Sikhs will under no circumstances consent to live in a theocratic Muslim State whether it is Pakistan or styled by any other name. They stand by history which clearly shows a free and united India where their rights and privileges are fully secured" is the conclusion of the foreword written by Sardar Baldev Singh, Development Minister Punjab to pamphlet prepared by Sardar Harnam Singh, Advocate, under the title "Punjab Homeland of Sikhs" which also embodies the memorandum submitted by a group of thirty Sikhs to Sapru Conciliation Committee.

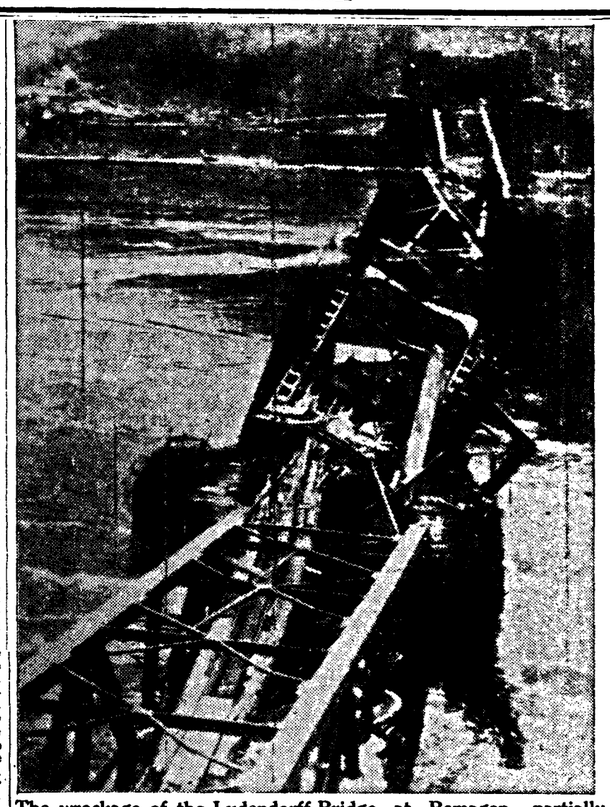
The book is divided into two parts, the first part making out a case that Punjab is the homeland of Sikhs and the second part embodying the memorandum which sets forth the fundamental rights of Sikhs including the use of Jhatkas and wearing of Kirpans. The memorandum further declares that no single community should be in absolute majority in the Punjab Assembly and desires allocation of seats on the basis of 40 per cent Muslims, 30 per cent Sikhs and other non-Muslims 30 per cent.

On the question of Pakistan the memorandum says "that Sikhs are irrevocably opposed to any partition of India on communal basis". However, if forced to accept it by an authority whose power cannot be challenged, "we would insist" the memorandum proceeds to say "on the creation of a separate Sikh State which should include a substantial majority of Sikhs with provision for the transfer and exchange of population and property."

2 British Ministers To Discuss Food Situation With U. S. Authorities

WASHINGTON, March 25 (Reuter): Captain Oliver Lyttelton, the British Minister of Production, and Colonel J. J. Llewellin, the British Minister for Food, are expected to arrive in the United States either on Monday or on Tuesday.

They are to discuss the food situation with American authorities.



The wreckage of the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, partially submerged in the Rhine.

ANOTHER INDIAN OFFICER COMMANDS H. M. I. SLOOP

Commanding Officer of one of the Royal Indian Navy's latest sloops built in the United Kingdom is Lieut.-Commander Haji Mohammed Siddiq Choudri, R.I.N., whose home is at Batala in the Punjab.

He is the second Indian officer whose appointment in command of a sloop has been announced in recent weeks. The other is Commander Sadashiv Ganesh Karmarkar, R.I.N.R., of Poona.

Lieut.-Commander Choudri, who is 34, joined the Royal Indian Navy in 1931, and was trained with the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom. Earlier in the present war, when in command of one of H.M.I. ships, he saw action against the Italians in the Red Sea and off the Somaliland Coast, assisting in the bombardment of Italian positions at Berbera and in the recapture of the town. Later, while entering an enemy harbour his ship was sunk under him when it struck a mine, but the majority of the ship's company was saved.

In 1941 he qualified in the United Kingdom as a specialist officer in the Torpedo Branch, and latterly has been in command of escort vessels engaged in convoy duties.

During 1943 Lieut.-Commander Choudri made a short tour of the United States, lecturing on the Royal Indian Navy's role in the present war. He visited all the main centres of production and training, such as the Norfolk Naval Base and the Naval Academy at Annapolis. His audiences ranged from scores of Pressmen to thousands of Naval personnel.

Lieut.-Commander H.M.S. Choudri, R.I.N., of Batala, Punjab, is now in command of one of the Royal Indian Navy's latest sloops.

100,000 NAZI PRISONERS SINCE MARCH 3

SHAEF, March 25 (A. P. A.): More than 100,000 prisoners have been taken by the American Third and Seventh Armies in the Palatinate since March 3—the greatest disaster inflicted on the Germans since Stalingrad.

The Twenty-First Army Group has taken 8,000 prisoners so far and more are coming in.

Captured German Still Has Faith In Victory

ROME, March 25 (A.P.A.)—A captured Gesman calmly agreed today with Fifth Army questioners that the Allies would occupy all of Northern Germany, but he asserted the struggle would continue so long as a single German remained alive.

"Germany is going to win this war, if not immediately and glamorously, at least in the long run," the prisoner said. Germany's plans, he added, envisaged:

(1) The Wehrmacht will retire into "uncontrollable" mountain fastnesses in Southern Germany, Austria and Northern Italy, (2) It will wage a long guerilla war, (3) Germany will continue her submarine campaign and use still undisclosed secret weapons fired from concealed bases, and (4) Under the guise of collaboration with the Allies thousands of Germans will sabotage the occupation and furnish information for the partisans.

Bogus Yogi Jailed For Cheating

KARACHI, March 25 (A. P. I.) Sanmukhsing Yogi, who described himself as a spiritual healer and a world traveller and his brother Aparsingh were convicted on a charge of conspiracy, forgery and cheating and sentenced by Mr. Justice Hatim Tyebji, to an aggregate term of five and half years' R. I. each.

According to the prosecution, the accused settled down in Karachi about three years ago and Sanmukhsing—with a flowing beard and black robes—styled himself as a Yogi healing incurable diseases by performing miracles and enchanting mantras. They cheated several persons to the tune of Rs. 13,000.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM

American Delegation On Their Mission In India

NEW DELHI, March 26 (U.P.I.): The members of the Free Press Committee of American Society of Newspaper Editors who are touring the world in the interest of international press freedom and arrived in India from Russia, passed through Delhi to China. They are expected back in India after about three weeks when they will meet he Indian Editors. The Delegation is composed of Messrs. Wilbur Forrest, Assistant Editor of the "New York Herald Tribune", Carl Ackerman, Dean of the Columbia University Journalism School, Ralph Mcgill, Editor of the "Atlantic (Georgia) Constitution."

Expressing their opinion to the pressmen who saw them at the aerodrome the American Editors said that they were considerably heartened by the prospect of post-war freedom of the press by their talks with the people in Europe, Russia and Africa.

Indian Army And Air Force Act Amending Bills

NEW DELHI, March 26 (A.P.I.): Two Bills, one to amend the Indian Army Act 1911, and the other to amend the Indian Air Force Act 1932, were introduced in the Legislative Assembly today.

Th object of the Indian Army Act Amendment Bill is to ensure speedy disposal of the movable property in camp or quarters of Indian Commissioned Officers dying or deserting while on active service. Under the procedure now in force, the disposal of such property devolves upon the Commanding Officer, who is normally engaged with operational commitments and is therefore unable to devote adequate time and attention to the disposal of property. In order to avoid unnecessary delays, it is proposed to relieve him of this duty and to set up an expert body, a Standing Committee of Adjustment.

The Indian Air Force Act Amendment Bill similarly seeks to ensure by the appointment of a Standing Committee of Adjustment, the speedy disposal of the movable property of personnel of the Royal Indian Air Force dying or deserting while on active service.

Indian Soldiers' Morale Sky-high

Journalists' Impressions Of Their Visit To Italy

TEHERAN, March 24. (A.P.I.): The Party of ten Indian journalists who have been on a tour of the Middle East to see Indian army units visited Teheran on their way back to India.

The journalists represent promlnent Indian papers, both Muslim and Hindu, as well as the English dailies "the Times of India" and "Civil and Military Gazette".

The visitors attended a tea party held by the Irani Indian Cultural Society and the department of publicity and Propaganda of Iran; at which they were greeted by H. E. M. Ashgar Hekmat, President of the Society, and Dr. Safavi, Director of Publicity. Mr. Pothan Joseph of "Dawn" replied on behalf of the guests.

The journalists explained that the aim of their visit to Italy was to enquire on the spot into conditions of the fighting men of India. They found that morale of the Indian soldiers was sky-high. Commanding officers, both British and American, highly praised the qualities of Indian fighting men, of whom General Mark Clark said, "they are the toughest and bravest soldiers in the world".

Book On Roy Dedicated To India Govt.!

NEW DELHI, March 26. (O.P.I.): "The Story of a Sordid Episode" is the title of a booklet dealing with the famous deal of Rs. 13,000 between Mr. M. N. Roy, and the Central Government, which will be published very shortly by Lala Ganpatrai, President of Delhi Sweepers' Union.

The introduction to the booklet is written by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and dedicated to the Government of India.

SOVIET SHOWS SMALL NATIONS THEIR PLACES

LONDON, March 24 (U. P. A.): The Soviet Embassy publication "Soviet War News" to-day advised small nations to quit trying a bigger role in the World Security Organisation and to put their faith in the Big Three.

The article, written by Doctor Liomin, entitled "San Francisco and the Small Countries" showed that the Soviet policy is not sympathetic to the suggested smaller powers' amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks and Crimea Conference decisions.

It underlined Russia's determination to see the World Security Organisation built on "the main great powers of the anti-German Coalition."

The writer argued that the League of Nations gave small powers formal security but no real security and added "the future International Security Organisation can truly secure the interests of small countries only if it is a really effective organisation."

Russia To Demand 3 Seats In 'Cisco Conference

WASHINGTON, March 23 Reuter: The Soviet Delegation to the San Francisco Conference will propose separate membership for White Russia and Ukraine as well as for Russia herself in the new World Security Organisation, it was understood here to-day.

The Soviet Delegation will include or be accompanied by representatives of these member states of U.S.S.R., but it is not known whether it is proposed that they should attend the Conference as separate delegations.

Under the present arrangements the entire U.S.S.R. would be entitled to only one vote at the Conference.

B. SHIVA RAO'S WAY OUT

Release Nehru And Renew Cripps Offer

CHICAGO, March 25 (U. P. A.): Mr. B. Shiva Rao, correspondent for "The Hindu" (Madras), in the third of a series of articles written for the "Chicago Sun", said two things are needed to end the Anglo-Indian deadlock: the immediate release of Nehru and his followers and the renewal of the Cripps offer.

He said that only a few internal changes were practicable, but that popular governments should be restored where the British Governors have been dictators since the war.

A real cabinet is needed and the Viceroy should establish changes to end his power. India must be governed by an executive council which must be given the power to make Indian decisions at San Francisco.

Mr. Shiva Rao said that most of the Princes would prefer pensions and hand over their territory to a new Indian Union.

The writer added that the rights of minorities must be protected by the Indian constitution and said that India had reached the stage where she must continue alone under her chosen leaders.

That is the only sure foundation for a stable peace in Asia, he said.

In conclusion, he warned that Britain's choice is not between freedom for India and the maintenance of British authority but between freedom and grave trouble.

MENINGITIS IN BROACH

BROACH, March 25 (A.P.I.)—Eleven more cases of meningitis have been reported from the city during the last fortnight. The Municipal Health Department is taking steps to prevent the spread of the disease. So far 30 cases have been reported out of which ten have proved fatal.

Invade Japan, Advises Bishop

AGANA, Guam Island, March 25 (U. P. A.), Bishop Michael Angel Olano, who was repatriated following a 21-month internment in Tokyo where he was permitted to move freely to-day, advocated an invasion of the Japanese homeland as the quickest and easiest way to end the war. He said, "Don't go and invade China but go directly to Japan. That's what will end the war quickly; there are many places where Japan can be invaded and it will make the Japanese cease fighting.

ATHENS, March 26 (Reuter).—The Beflagged streets of Athens were crowded when Greek National Independence Day was celebrated yesterday.

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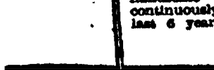

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Steel Shares Decline On Scattered Selling

GOLD AND SILVER QUOTATIONS LOOK UP

Persistent Liquidation In Cotton Market

BOMBAY, March 26.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled quiet to-day under scattered selling and the session was featureless. In the absence of any important business, the market was narrow. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfd shares declined Rs. 26/1. Ordinary shares Rs. 3/8, Bombay Dyeings Rs. 13/- and Kohinoors were unchanged.

The Bullion market was firm and week after week Bears are penalised for their unprotected sales and accommodated carry-over facility at a big discount. Gold and silver quotations firmed up.

Cotton was weak on increased long liquidation and the market was depressed. Demand was indifferent and the market is getting liquidated.

SHARE BAZAR

The local Share Bazar was quietly steady with a restricted turnover and price fluctuations were narrow. In the absence of any fresh development affecting the Stock Exchange in sentiment, general business remains at a low ebb. As a matter of fact there are numerous factors in favour and against the market and professional operators are not in a position to correctly estimate the prospective position. Tata Steel Dfds. opened today at Rs. 2,080 and improved to Rs. 2,087 under scattered buying and later quietened at Rs. 2,083. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 384 and steadied at Rs. 386. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1,848 and improved to Rs. 1,852, Kohinoor Shares were quoted at Rs. 611, Century Shares were placed at Rs. 927-8 and associated Cements stood at Rs. 231, Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 39-10 and Andhras changed hands at Rs. 1,796.

Later on there was increased selling which resulted on further decline in quotations on fears of free imports. Tata Steel Dfds. declined to Rs. 1872 and recovered to Rs. 1876. Ordinary Shares ruled quiet at Rs. 384/8. Bombay Dyeings also ruled quiet at Rs. 1842 which was the low level of the day reached towards the close. The market fears smaller dividends on I. U. Shares which induced some selling and Dfds. declined to Rs. 2/14 and Ordinary Shares were quoted at Rs. 14. In the cash section there was restricted business.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

MILLS.

Apollo 3/15/6 3/14/6 (Ex Div).
Bharat 60/8 60/4 60/8
Bharucha 8/12
B. Dyeing 1847/8, 51/4 47/8 53/12 42/8
Bradbury Pref. 532/8. 30
Central India (Ord) 379 78/8 79 78/8 81 79/8 80
Central India (Pref) 735/10
Century 925 35 30
Colaba 213/8 14 13/8
Edward 730 685 90
Elphinstone (Ord) 84/8 83 83/8
Elphinstone (Pref) 123/12
Finlay 304 5 3 5 4
Gokak 300 299 302 300 301 300
India United (Defd) 3/0/6 3/1 2/14
India United (Ord), 14/9 14/4 14/5 13/15/6 14.
Indore 713/12 12/8 15/10,12/8 10.
Khatau 333/12 25
Kohinoor 610 9 13 11 12 11
Meyer 207/8 8/12 5 8/12.
Minerwa 257/8
Modal 253/12
Morarjee 741/4 45 40
New Great 374 72 73 72
Phoenix 592/8 93/12
Sassoon Cotton 21/12
Simplex 261/8 60/8 61/8 61
Svadeshi 544 49 47 48
Swan 330/8 29 29/8
Tata Mill 59 58
Vishnu Cotton 476/4
Ahmedabad Prantij Rly.
BANKS.
A. B. C. 37/2.
Baroda 138/8
Central 81/12
Imperial Old 1990
India 190
Reserve 135 35/8
Union 9/4
ELECTRIC.
Ahmedabad 281/14
Amalgamated (Old) 18/4
Bombay Tram (Ord) 147 47/8 47
Bombay Tram (Pref) 66/8 66/4 66/8 66 66/8
Bombay Suburban 211/14
Hydro (Ord) 205
Tata Power (Ord) 1885 83/12 86/4 85
INSURANCE.
Empire 1315 17/8 1300
Indian Mercantile 70/8
Jupiter 33
New India 80/8 80/4
Universal 20/8
Steam, (Ord) 557/8,
Scindia 33/14
Tata Steel (Defd) 2080 82/8 72/8 85 81/4 87/8 72/8 76/12 75 76/4
Tata Steel (Ord.) 385 83/8 86/8 84 85 84/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/8 60/4
MISCELLANEOUS.
Alcock 426/4 27/8 16/4
A. Cement 232 30/8 31 30/8
Belapur 219/8 19
Burmah (Old) 517/8 23/12 20 23/12
B. B. Petrol 5/2/6 5/2/9
I. I. Trust 122
Port Canning 104
P. Construction (Ord) 208 9 7/8 8
Tata Oil 67 66/12
Walchandnagar (Ord) 550 40
Surat Elect. (New) 109 (Premium)
Bombay Uganda 81
Jupiter Ins. (Pref) 16/8
Indian Mfg. 3890

GOLD & SILVER

As compared with Silver, the Gold market offers better opportunities for the bulls to squeeze the short sellers and as long as Bears indulge in unprotected sales, manipulations will continue in the local market and this week Gold budlas are done to-day at a discount of rupee one. Week after week Bears are forced to pay heavy penalties for their venture and still they continue to remain short relying on an early end of the European war. While professional bulls have been able to earn extensive profits and on the strength of accumulated profits are in a position to take any risk which may appear to any student of economics are keen market observer.

The Reserve Bank of India sold to-day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 128/14 to Rs. 129. Sales of Gold amounted 32,000 tolas at Rs. 73.

The forward market opened to-day at Rs. 72/12 for Gold and advanced to Rs. 73/4. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 73/9 and next settlement was quoted at Rs. 72/2. Thus bears are forced to suffer a further loss in way of unusual discount. It is a known fact that all weekly contracts are intended for a delivery every week but rampant speculative operations are daily done with carry over facilities. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 126/4 and advanced to Rs. 128/13 under professional support and ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 129/10.

The market closed at 2-30 p m as a mark of respect to the death of the Abboobakar Jusab closing quotations were as under.

Ready Silver	128	15	0
Silver Settlement	128	9	0
Ready Gold	72	4	0
Gold Settlement	71	8	0

BOMBAY COTTON

Although the local cotton market remains quietly steady but it is not without important developments. Local bulls have accepted tenders against March contract to the extent of 146,800 Bales without any important effect on the price structure. It appears that Bulls have a plan for cotton to find out its own level in due course. In the meantime Gujarat crop is being marketed and Ahmedabad Mills are reported free buyers. This year the crop is a small one and as soon as peak of the movement of the crop is over it will be difficult to find desire cotton. There is an excellent demand for cloth which is bound to continue and the consumption is likely to remain at its maximum, if the mills remain well supplied with coal and other requirements.

The market opened to-day at Rs. 453 for May delivery and after advancing to Rs. 455/8 declined to Rs. 451/8 under moderate selling.

There was persistent selling in the market and it was reported that the syndicate sold at about 25,000 bales on May delivery. In some quarters it was also rumoured that there was split in the syndicate. Thus these vague talks discouraged buyers but the market is becoming well liquidated. May declined to Rs. 447/4 and steadied at Rs. 448/4. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. May	448	0	0
I.C.C. July	463	12	0
I.C.C. Sept.	472	0	0

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 457 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

High & Low Cotton Prices

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. May	458/8	452/4	452/8
I.C.C. July	472/8	466/4	466/4
Karachi May	47/6/9	46/11/3	46/12/3

BOMBAY PRODUCE

The local produce market was featureless without any important business and quotations were mostly unchanged. Groundnuts Khandesh quality with buyers permit were placed at Rs. 14/4 and Goa delivery quotation was Rs. 14/1. Nizam State Groundnuts were placed at Rs. 13/12. Castorseeds ready and Railway receipts were quoted at Rs. 15/5. Bombay and Goa delivery quotation was Rs. 15/6, Linseed C. P. and U. P. quality was quoted at Rs. 15/9/6. G. I. P. Stations Rs. 15/8 and N. S. Railway Stations stood at Rs. 15/7/6. Tone was dull and demand indifferent.

Latest Dividends

Ahmedabad Advance Rs. 5, Apollo Rs. 0/4/0, Azamshai Rs. 30, Central India Rs. 6, Century Rs. 16, Gokak Rs. 9, Habib Bank Rs. 2/2, Indian Bleaching Rs. 5, Khatau Rs. 6, Morarji Rs. 12, Osmanshai Rs. 15, Poddar Rs. 10, Shivrajpur Rs. 21, Swadeshi Rs. 22, Trams Ord. Rs. 3/8, Union Bank Rs. 0/5/0, Indian Investment Trust Rs. 3/12, Tata Mills Rs. 1/8.

INDIFFERENT OFFTAKE ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 24.

The market eased on a dribbling of liquidation and indifferent offtake with emphasis on the exceptionally favourable war news and the consequential week-end and ever present legislative uncertainties. Otherwise no fresh news developed and the market closed barely steady. July opened at 21.77 which was the highest level and declined to 21.71. The market closed at a decline of 2 to 10 points. Spot cotton prices lost 6 points at 21.39 c. per lb.

American Farmers Use More Fertilisers To Increase Cotton Crop

NEW YORK, March 23.

Cotton has been irregular in the past week reflecting persistent fears of possible sudden peace moves and a disposition to await clarification of future price control legislation. The principal support offered was in the form of price-fixing in near months presumably against recent export business. According to Southern advices, it is rumoured that France and Spain are getting ready to expand purchases soon, their decision depending on transportation facilities.

New crop advices continue to stress small acreage ideas, but on the other hand producers are reported to be using more fertiliser in order to increase yield per acre. Spinner demand for actual cotton is increasing daily, but the scarcity of desirable grades is hampering business.

New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, March 24.

U S Steel	61-3/4
Bethelehem Steel	71-1/4
N Y Central R R Com.	22-3/4
N Y Central 3 p c 2013	94
N Y Chicago St Louis Pfd	117
Chesapeake and Ohio	49-3/8
Chase National Bank	40-1/4
Nat City Bank of N Y	39-3/4
General Motors	63-7/8
General Electric	40-1/8
Sun Life Assurance	345
Canadian Pacific	12-1/8
Amer Pow & Light Com.	4-1/2
North American	20-5/8
Southern Pacific	40-1/4
Electric Bond & Share 6 p c	99-1/4
Alaska Juneau	6-5/8
Texas Corpn.	51-1/2
Socony Vacuum	15-1/8
Sinclair Oil	16
Anaconda Copper	31-1/8
Int. Nickel	31-1/8
Amer Tel & Tel	161-3/8
Western Union 'A'	45-1/4
Austalia 5 p c 1955	104.75
Consolidated Edison	23-1/4
Phillips Petroleum	49-1/2
Farnsworth Telev:	13-1/8
Union Pacific	120.00
Inter Tel & Tel	26.00
North American 6 p c	56.00
Amer Foreign Pow: 7 p c	98.00
Crucible Steel 5 p c	96-1/4
Erre Railway	14.00

Calicut Quotations

CALICUT, March 26.

Cocoanuts Raw 19 Dry 78, Cocoanut Oil 340, Copra Office 197/8, Dilpasand 210, Madrasnottam 220, Goodgooda 222, Pepper Wynaad 370 Country 365, Dry Ginger Chernad 225, Ernad 215, Coffee Robusta 83.

Wall Street Market

NEW YORK, March 23.—(A. P.):—Stocks moved narrowly to-day. Oils and motors were the most prominent. They were moderately active and fractionally higher.

Rails and steels were irregularly lower as investors stood aside to await war developments.

Bankers' Clearing

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 23rd March were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 1,39,926.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 43,58,26,452-10-11.

Assam Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. One Crore (Rupees one crore only) of three months' Government of Assam Treasury Bills were opened on Monday the 26th March. Total amount offered was Rs. 2 10,00,000 (Rupees two crores ten lakhs only).

Tenders at Rs. 99-14-6 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-3 allotted approximately 27 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. One Crore the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-6-6 per cent per annum.

Metal Quotations

BOMBAY, March 26.

Brass Ready	155	0	0
Brass Chaitra	133	8	0
Copper Ready	138	0	0
Copper Chaitra	138	0	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 26.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. Rates: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

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Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

ARABS OBSERVE GENERAL STRIKE

Want Muslim Mayor For Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, March 25. (A.P.A.): Arabs observed a general strike throughout Palestine Saturday to show their disapproval of the Mayor of Jerusalem who, they suggest, should be a Muslim Arab regardless of the conditions of the country.

The Arab counsellors of Jerusalem refuse to co-operate with the city's municipal corporation except on that basis and have rejected the suggestion of the High Commissioner, Lord Gort, for rotation of the Jerusalem mayoralty.

All shops, offices and factories in Arab towns and villages and Arab sections of Jerusalem and Haifa were closed and street traffic was at standstill.

Work at the railways, ports and the Haifa oil refinery continued as usual, however.

BOMBAY, March 24 (A.P.I.)—Mr. R. C. Khanna, Joint Financial Adviser to the Textile Commissioner and Controller-General of Civil Supplies, left Bombay for Delhi.

Hapur Quotations

HAPUR, March 26.

Wheat 10 Dara Control 9/12 Stock 79 Khattias Gram 8/4 Barley 6/10 Stock 76 Peas New 6/4 Khattias 5/9 Arrivals 200 Mds Stock 124 Arhar 6/15 Stock 119 Juar 7/8 Masoor 9/4 Cottonseed Desi 10/3 Gur 9/2 Billi Bengal 9/14 Punjab 10 O P 11/8 Arrivals 1025 Mds steady on decreased arrivals and good ready demand Silver 129/10 Gold 72/8 Bardana 53/12 Juwar 7/1/6.

Futures Of Rubber Shares

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Pledged To Serve People

New Assam Ministers To Promote Unity

SHILLONG, March 25 (U.P.I.): Half an hour prior to their oath-taking at Government House yesterday, the five non-Muslim Ministers of the Saadulla Cabinet, nominated by the Congress Coalition and Independent Muslim Party, at a formal meeting of the Party signed and read out before the three members of the Party's Parliamentary Board, a pledge declaring to act as Ministers according to the policy and programme of the party.

Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi reiterated the fundamental principles and policy of his party and asked the Ministers to keep these in view in the discharge of their duties for the service of the country, particularly in the spheres of Hindu-Muslim Unity, protection of the minorities, release of the politicals, elimination of corruption and provision of food to the people.

"I am hearing the voice of the people through the leader", said Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhuri, replying on behalf of himself and his colleagues to Mr. Bardoloi's exhortations. He assured that they would keep up the spirit of the leader in all that they would do in the discharge of their duties as Ministers.

Later in the Assembly, the members from the Congress and League Benches joined in felicitating the members of the New Cabinet and they hoped a new era would dawn in Assam with the united Cabinet applying resolutely and sincerely to solving the Province's vital issues affecting the people.

Mr. Whittaker, Leader of the European Group, wished the new venture godspeed.

STRENGTH OF COALITION PARTY

Latest enquiries reveal that the membership of the Congress Coalition and Independent Muslim Party has reached 56 in a House of 107.

The Muslim League High Command was referred to for the approval of the action taken in reconstructing the Assam Cabinet with Congress Coalition Party nominating 50 percent of the total seats in the Cabinet in lieu of their support to the reconstructed Ministry according to a statement made in the Assembly yesterday by Dewan Muhammad Ahbbab Chowdhury, a prominent member of the Muslim League Party in the Assembly.

Sir Muhammad Saadulla informed the Assembly yesterday that following discussions with Sir Lakshmipathi Misra and Sir Kenieth Mitchell, who were here early this week, it had been decided that in Assam's Post-War Railway Development, first priority would be allowed to the construction of a railway line which, starting from Gauhati would proceed via the foothills of Garo Hills into Bengal.

U. S. FLEET DESTROYS JAP 8 SHIP CONVOY

GUAM, March 24. (Reuter): A communique from the United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam says:—United States carrier planes destroyed a Japanese eight ship convoy on Saturday off Ryukyu islands, says a communique from Admiral Nimitz Headquarters to-day.

The vessels were: Three large cargo vessels, two destroyers, and three other escorts—possibly destroyer escorts or gunboats. The action in which these ships were sunk occurred west of Amami group of islands.

ALLIED BOMBERS ATTACK AERODROMES NEAR PRAGUE

Destroy Aircraft Fleeing Before Russian Advance Over Silesia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, March 25, (Reuter): Heavy Bombers in daylight attacked two aerodromes near Prague believed to be packed with German aircraft fleeing before the Russian advance over Silesia.

Escorting Mustangs destroyed seven German fighters.

R. A. F. Mosquitos to-night made the 34th successive attack on Berlin.

GERMAN SHIPPING OFF NORWAY ATTACKED.

London, Sunday: Just before midnight an air ministry communique told how escorted Mosquitoes of the R. A. F. coastal Command had made offensive patrols against German shipping off Norway during the day. One formation attacked with bombs, rocket projectiles and cannon fire shipping in Norangs Fjord.

A second formation was met by German fighters three of which were shot down by Mustangs.

Rocket objectives in Holland were attacked by Spitfire bombers of the Fighter Command. Four R. A. F. aircraft were missing.

Russell As Tagore Institute Chief

CAMBRIDGE, March 23 (Reuter): Prof. Bertrand Russell has agreed to become President of the Tagore Institute here. The Organizing Committee of the Institute has decided to function independently as an Academic organization, although welcoming co-operation from members of the Governing Body of Santiniketan.

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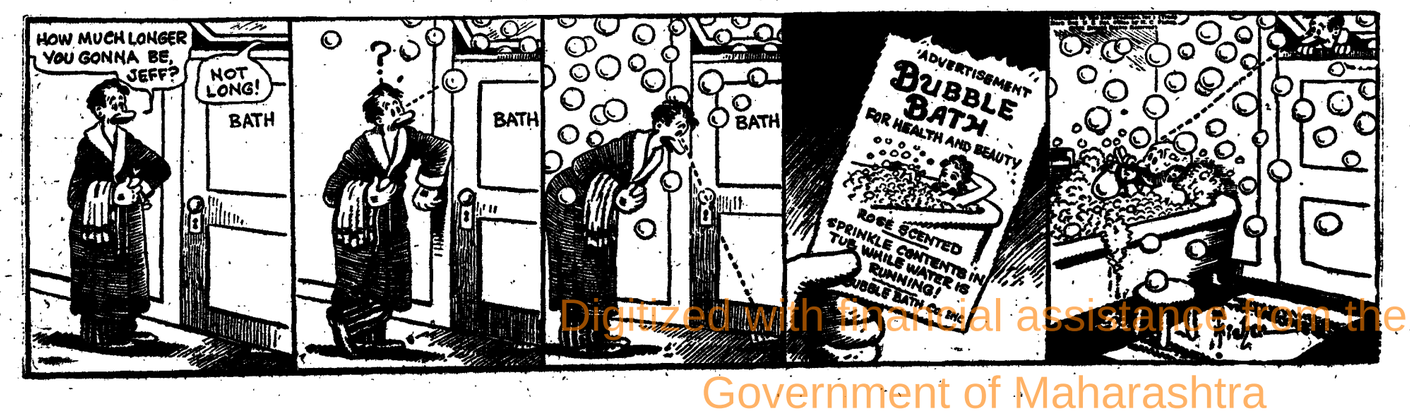

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Applications are invited for the post of a Professor of Mathematics at the Ramniranjan Anandilal Podar College of Commerce & Economics, Matunga, Bombay, 19, on a salary of Rs 150/- per month with prospects of being made permanent. Applications stating qualifications, age and previous experience should reach the Principal R. A. Podar College on or before the 15th of April, 1945. 2629

Wanted a Forest Surveyor, conversant with chain and prismatic survey and plotting to scale, also reducing and enlarging. Pay Rs. 60/- p.m. plus dearness allowance with prospects. T.A. according to state rules. Apply with testimonials to Conservator of Forests, Banswara State (Rajputana). 2628

Wanted experienced Accountant for part-time work in the evenings by a Commercial firm. Give details of qualifications and experience to Box No. 7680, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted an experienced Proof Reader on Salary of Rs. 65 plus dearness allowance of Rs. 16 and a Copy-holder on Salary of Rs. 50 plus dearness allowance of Rs. 12-8as. Minimum qualification matriculation. Apply with certificate to the Manager "Bombay Chronicle" Fort, Bombay.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED from British and Indian States subjects for temporary posts of Gujerati typists in Bureau of Public Information, Government of India. Vacancies likely to last for duration of war, Age 18-35. Salary Rs. 60-2-80-3-125. Candidates must have passed Matriculation or equivalent examination and be able to type in Gujerati with speed and accuracy. Ability to translate from English into Gujerati and good handwriting essential. Preference will be given to those who have journalistic experience. Higher initial salary may be given to deserving candidates. Candidates should submit details of journalistic and other qualifications together with references and copies of testimonials. Applications should be submitted in Gujerati in candidates' own handwriting. A number of candidates will be invited to appear before a Selection Committee in Bombay for test and interview at their own expense. Applications should reach Asst. Principal Information Officer, Bureau of Public Information, Government of India, New Delhi, not later than April 9, 1945. 2617

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY
DELAY IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

IN ORDER to expedite the settlement of claims the public are earnestly requested to assist this Railway, when corresponding with regard to claims by observing the following points:

(1) Write a separate letter with regard to each individual claim.
(2) Invariably quote Claims Office references if there has been previous correspondence.
(3) Give full particulars of booking when preferring a claim and in all subsequent correspondence.

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FOR THE AHMEDABAD MUNICIPALITY (1) B.Es. as OVERSEERS in the grade Rs. 125-10-175, and (2) D.C.Es. from Poona or Karachi Engineering College as Sub-Overseers in grade Rs. 75-5-100. The above grades are likely to be revised and persons with experience of Municipal P.W.D. and R.C.C. Construction will be offered higher initial pay in the grade. The posts are permanent.

Applications stating age, qualifications, experience etc. with copies of testimonials should reach the Undersigned before 9-4-45.

(Sd.) M. A. PATEL,
Chief Officer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.

Municipal Office, Ahmedabad,
Dated 24th March, 1945. 2630

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Muslim candidates to fill a temporary post of Electric Inspector, Bengal, in the Bengal General Service. Pay—250-500 with a motor car allowance of Rs. 80 per mensem. Age—between 25 and 35. Qualifications—a thorough technical education and at least five years' practical experience. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 9th April, 1945. (2627)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male Muslim candidates to fill the post of the Chief Auditor of Co-operative Societies, Bengal, in the Bengal General Service. Pay—350-350. The initial pay of the selected candidate will be between Rs. 350 and 500 (upto the age of 37 or over) according to his age on the date of assumption of duties. Age—between 30 and 40. Qualifications—an Associate of the Institute of Incorporated or Chartered Accountants. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 9th April, 1945. (2626)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from lady candidates for two posts of Writers in the Women's Section of the Department of Information and Broadcasting on a scale of Rs. 400-20-500-25-600 plus 10% war allowance. Candidates must be well educated and should be capable of writing in English, Urdu, and Hindi articles, short stories, etc. on subjects relating to the war and on matters in which women are interested, representing the women's point of view and the role to be undertaken by them in different spheres of Government and other activities. Applications stating qualifications, with copies of testimonials, should reach the Lady in Charge, Women's Section, Government of India, Department of Information and broadcasting, New Delhi not later than the 20th April 1945. Selected candidates will have to appear for interview at their own expense. (2632)

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED under Rule 11(2) of the Parle-Andheri Borough Municipal Election Rules that the Election Roll of the Parle-Andheri Borough Municipality for the ensuing General Elections is published today by affixing a copy thereof in English at the Municipal Office and can be inspected by the persons concerned at the Municipal Office during Office hours on all working days.

M. B. SCREWVALA,
Returning Officer & Chief Officer,
Parle-Andheri Borough Municipality.

Municipal Office,
Gazder Hall, Andheri.
Dated 26th March, 1945. (2631)

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NOTICE TO SPECIAL JURORS

MEMBERS of the Special Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend the High Court, on Tuesday, the 27th March 1945, at 3-15 p.m. (S.T.)

J. B. GREAVES,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Bombay, 26th March, 1945. 2633

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of a tracer for this Inspectorate. A good knowledge of English and experience in tracing is necessary. The scale is Rs. 40-3-58-2-60 plus Rs. 14|- as dearness allowance.

Applications should be addressed to the Chief Inspector of Military Explosives, Kirkee, so as to reach him on or before the 2nd April, 1945. (Sanction Bombay E. Exc. No. 3057). 2613

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ABDUL REHMAN MOHAMED YUSUF, Mr. HAJI EBRAHIM HAJI ABDULLAH and Mr. SIDDICK SULEMAN, the present Trustees of the Suleman Hasham Soudagar Charitable Dispensary Trust have agreed to sell to our client the property situate at Memonwada Road and particularly described in the schedule hereunder written.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground situate on the Sandhurst Road Estate of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay at Memonwada Road in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement an area of 359 square yards or thereabouts being plot No. 87 registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3097 and Cadastral Survey No. 1506, Mandvi Division with the messuage tenement dwelling house and structures standing thereon assessed by the Bombay Municipality under B Ward No. 2417 (1). Street Nos. 563 to 73 present street Nos. 17. 17A and 17B and bounded, on or towards the East by plots Nos. 44 and 45 of the said estate leased to Dorabji Dossabhoy Bhivandiwalla, on or towards the west by the said Memonwada Road, on or towards North partly by the property in the tenure or occupation of Sitaram Keshav Bole and other Trustees and Managers of the Maruti Temple at Old Nagpada and partly by Plot Nos 44 and 45 and on or towards the South partly by the property in the tenure or occupation of Jusab Habib Mistry and partly by the property in the tenure or occupation of Abdulla Hussein.

Any person having any claim or interest by way of sale, mortgage, gift, inheritance lien, share or otherwise in the said property or any part thereof is hereby required to give notice thereof to the undersigned at their Office at 13-19, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof after which period the sale will be completed without regard to any claim of which notice has not been received.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1945
DAPHTARY FERREIRA & DIVAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. JAMNADAS MATHURADAS BAXI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim whatsoever against the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Ali Chambers, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land partly of Quit and ground rent and partly of Pension and Tax tenure with the building standing thereon situate on the East side of Hornby Road, admeasuring 143 square yards, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1367 Fort Division and assessed by the Municipality under A Ward No. 2371, Street Nos. 183-191 and bounded, on the East partly by the property of Nathoo Lalji and partly by the property of Sorabji Rustomji, on the West by Hornby Road, on the North by the property of Kanji Karsondas and on the South partly by Sweeper's passage and partly by the property of Haji Esmail Hassan.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1945.

THAKORDAS DARU
HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

BAN ON IMPORT OF TUR CHUNI/CHHALA AND GUVAR

Finance Department (Supply),
Bombay Castle, 22nd March 1945.

ORDER.

NO. G. R. 44 — In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that on and after the 31st day of March, 1945, no person shall bring into the area comprising the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District (hereinafter referred to as "the said area") by rail, road or sea, tur chuni, tur chhala or guvar (hereinafter referred to as "the said articles") without a licence granted by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay.

Provided that no such licence shall be required in respect of stocks of the said articles brought into the said area by or on behalf of Government or under Military Credit Notes.

Any Court trying a contravention of this Order may direct that any stocks of the said articles together with the packages and coverings thereof in respect of which the Court is satisfied that the Order has been contravened shall be forfeited to His Majesty.

By Order of the Governor of Bombay.

A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government.
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